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SAC, San Antonio

May 18, 1955

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COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

ReBulet May 12, 1955, relative to potential informants whom the Legal Attache in Mexico is endeavoring to develop for possible use in Nuevo Laredo. Enclosed herewith is a copy of a self-explanatory letter from the Legal Attache in Mexico City dated May 4, 1955, together with its enclosure transmitting information received from [REDACTED] one of the potential informants.

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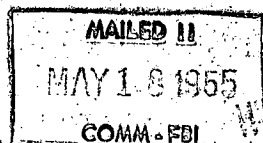
In accordance with the Legal Attache's suggestion, you should furnish your comments concerning that information with particular reference to its reliability in order that the potentialities and the reliability of the informant can be determined. Pertinent portions of the information contained in the informant's report should be incorporated in your investigative reports and for the time being should be indicated as emanating from a source of unknown reliability. Your analysis of this situation and comments concerning the potential value of the informant must be expedited.

Enclosure

1 - Legal Attache (Without Enclosure)
Mexico City, Mexico

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Date: May 4, 1955

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To: Director, FBI (100-356015)

From: Legat, Mexico (100-743D)

Subject: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

Reference my cable of April 29 last.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The translation of the report of [] is attached hereto. This report has been turned in to [] by [] and [] has in turn given it to this office. It is enclosed to the Bureau for transmittal to the San Antonio Office so that appropriate appraisal can be made by the Resident Agent at Laredo, Texas, based upon his knowledge of local conditions.

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The Legal Attache has no basis for evaluating this report inasmuch as we have not handled leads in Nuevo Laredo in the past, this being investigative territory assigned to the San Antonio Office.

The Office of the Legal Attache will continue its efforts to develop [] it not being known at present whether he has the necessary discretion, reliability, and resourcefulness to develop sound information of definite interest. Concerning the statements made in his report with respect to personalities in Nuevo Laredo, it is pointed out that this is data which represents the personal opinions of himself based upon his residence at various places along the border and his rather close connections with many Mexican labor union figures in the border areas.

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The Office of the Legal Attache will await with interest the criticism of the San Antonio Office with respect to the material contained in this report. It is not felt that this material at this time can be labeled as from other than a source of unknown reliability.

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cc: Mexico City file 100-630

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April 27, 1955

REPORT ON COMMUNISM IN NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO

One of the principal communists in Nuevo Laredo is HILARIO GOMEZ, who is an employee of the American Bed Company. Among his associates of the same political beliefs are: JESUS HINOJOSA, who has a stand in the market; AMANDO GUTIERREZ, who is an ex-postal employee and now proprietor of the "Bar Moscu" (Moscow Bar); PRIMITIVO FERNANDEZ, who is a collection agent for the Quiroga Furniture Store; JOSE PULIDO MALACARA, who is in charge of the railroad yards; and JOSE FERNANDEZ, who is a postal employee.

The Communists claim to have the confidential backing and support of JOSE P. GONZALEZ who is at present "Primer Comandante" of the police and who is also representative of "Transportes Fronterizos." They also claim to have the support of GILBERTO SANCHEZ. Both were formerly leaders in local communism but they have now for appearances withdrawn from open activities. They remain in contact, however, and FABIAN GOMEZ serves as a go-between.

Communist elements meet together and drink in the Moscow Bar of AMANDO GUTIERREZ located at the corner of Galeana and Canales Streets.

A painter named ANGEL DIAZ serves as a contact between communist leaders and some school teachers of leftist sympathies who are lead by professor JUVENAL BOONE FLORES who at present is principal of the secondary school (federal). BOONE FLORES went to Mexico City two months ago with the excuse of paying a visit to relatives; however, the real reason lay in his desire to confer over the best manner of organizing the communists in that part of the border. Among the school teachers of left-wing sympathies who are in Nuevo Laredo are the following:

BENITO LOPEZ RAMOS, secondary school teacher (federal)
LORENZO LUNA CUEL,
Engineer RICARDO TREVINO GOMEZ, ex-member of the
"Junta Federal de Mejoras Materiales."

One important personality in local communism has recently gone to Matamoros. This is JUAN DE DIOS HINOJOSA. He is now a rent collector at Matamoros.

There are communists in the following groups:

Syndicate of the Seguro Social
" of Carpenters
" of Painters
" of Commercial Employees
" of the Customs employees (local organization)

The communists also have a few elements in the local telegraph service and mail service.

A lawyer named RAMIRO ZARATE CANTU is active in labor disputes and is a communist sympathizer.

Among the railroad workers of communist sympathy or affiliation are JOSE FULIDO MALACARA, mentioned above, and one RICARDO ROCHA of the express department. Both these men are interested in forming a party cell in the local railroad setup.

The above mentioned PRIMITIVO FERNANDEZ and JOSE FERNANDEZ are trying to form a new municipal committee of the PCM in Nuevo Laredo and they have met with some representatives of labor and the peasants. But the difficulty they are facing is that many people are frightened because of the actions of the American Consulate in withdrawing border crossing and visa privileges from persons suspected of communism. This has caused people to avoid any action which might cause the Consulate to act against their interests. The result has been a failure to get the organization under way.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: May 13, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BEEMONT

SUBJECT: BORDER COVERAGE PROGRAM

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Re Mr. Boardman's memorandum dated May 13, 1955, which reflects that Supervisor Nathan L. Ferris prepared informal memoranda to me for use in talking to Special Agents in Charge of the border offices relative to the Border Coverage Program. The memoranda referred to by Mr. Ferris were prepared at my request as a part of the material which I use to discuss with SACs the problems existent in their offices. I do not have my copies of these memoranda as they are rough draft material and after they have served their purpose and an appropriate period of time has passed, they are destroyed.

It is my practice to cover with the Special Agents in Charge forthrightly the material which I gather from the various S sections of the Division, along with any other problems which have come to my attention. In the event there is a particularly troublesome problem, it is my practice to instruct the SACs to consult with the Supervisors and/or Section Chiefs following their discussion with me, in order that they will have any further necessary details of the problem.

Relative to the memorandum pertaining to the Phoenix Office in March, 1954, Mr. Ferris recalls that this material was utilized when SAC Maynor was transferred to the Phoenix Office and that during my discussion with Maynor I was called out of the office and left Ferris' memorandum with Maynor for him to digest, after which Maynor talked to Ferris concerning the problems.

Relative to the memorandum of May 21, 1953, I have no recollection of it. I assume that in keeping with my practice I discussed it with SAC Chiles. Mr. Keay and Mr. Ferris advise me that they also discussed this material with Mr. Chiles.

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CC: Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Keay
 Mr. Roach

Memo for Mr. Tolson

Boardman
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Continued Coverage Along the Mexican Border

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
From Mr. Belmont
Re: BORDER COVERAGE PROGRAM

5/13/55

Relative to the memorandum concerning SAC Brown of El Paso, likewise I must assume that I talked with SAC Brown on problems affecting his office, including the Border Coverage problem. Mr. Ferris states that he also talked to SAC Brown, based on the contents of his memorandum.

It is evident that we failed to follow through in writing to the border offices concerning the weaknesses raised in the material provided by Ferris. I assumed that the problems raised in the material furnished me had been or were being raised in writing with the offices. I had no right to make such an assumption as, clearly, I should have checked to see that this was being done.

While I can well understand why Mr. Tolson raises the question as to what assurance there is we can administer this program, I can only say that the program will be aggressively and forcefully administered henceforth.

ADDENDUM: LVB

I intend to follow this program closely and aggressively.

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Such conferences should be reduced to writing and any instructions should be followed up with the SAC and where necessary confirmed in writing

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1 - Mr. Ferris

SAC, El Paso

May 19, 1955

Director, FBI (100-356015)

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COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

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An analysis of the first monthly summary reports received from the border offices for the end of April, 1955, shows that those reports do not indicate in any way the amount of time being devoted to this project by the various border offices. Each border office should, therefore, submit immediately by air-tel to the Bureau information concerning the percentage of time devoted by each Border Coverage Agent to this program on a monthly basis for the months of January, February, March and April, 1955. In addition, the percentage of time actually spent in the development of informants for this program should be shown. Similar information should be submitted in the monthly reports prepared in the future.

Future monthly reports should also reflect the identity of all informants being utilized and all potential informants and confidential sources rather than merely setting forth the number of such individuals.

In the future, the Bureau should also be furnished an original and two copies of each monthly report inasmuch as copies of these reports will be forwarded to the Legal Attache in Mexico for his information.

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1 - Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FBI, EL PASO (100-4847)

5-9-55

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356015)
Attn: Foreign Liaison Section

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

Re Bureau airtel 5-5-55.

Re hotel accommodations.

It is suggested that the Bureau, Legat, Mexico City, and offices receiving this airtel advise El Paso immediately as to arrival times and types of hotel accommodations desired for persons attending Border Coverage Conference in El Paso, May 19 & 20, 1955, so that hotel reservations may be made.

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An extra copy is being sent to the Bureau in the event it is desired to furnish same to Legat, Mexico City.

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Mr. Belmont

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SAC, El Paso

May 25, 1955

Director, FBI

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COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

100-356015-984

Your letter of 2-9-55 concerning possible Communist activity among Spanish refugee groups was referred to the Legal Attache's Office in Mexico City by Bureau letter dated 2-18-55. By airgram dated 5-9-55 the Legal Attache has advised that your request for information was given immediate attention by the Legal Attache's Office upon its receipt in Mexico City, and all informants were alerted for pertinent information. Confidential Informant [redacted] who in the past has been familiar with Spanish Communist activities, was sent to the border areas in an effort to ascertain any organized Spanish Communist activities. He has advised that he learned of no such activities. The Legal Attache further stated that separate cases had been opened in Mexico City on Marcos Rodriguez-Moreno (Bufile 100-416800; El Paso file 100-5413) and on Gregorio Arana-Urquiza (Bufile 100-416916; El Paso 100-5422). Cases have also been opened in Mexico on Manuel Altes Marina and Juan Alejo Soriano. The latter two individuals formerly resided in Chihuahua and were reported as formerly active Spanish Communists. The Legal Attache's Office is presently preparing a report on the Communist Party of Spain in Mexico which is scheduled to be submitted on May 25, 1955. As soon as pertinent information is received from the Legal Attache in Mexico concerning Spanish Communist matters it will be forwarded to your office.

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The Legal Attache stated that no report had been submitted thus far on the Spanish Communist Party since, until recently, Spanish Communist activities in Mexico have been considered by his office as being within the primary jurisdiction of [redacted]. He stated, however, that a comprehensive report is now being prepared which necessitates special research in addition to informant investigation. The attention of the Legal Attache is called to the fact that Spanish Communist Party activities

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1 - Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico

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Letter to SAC, El Paso

are still within the primary investigative jurisdiction of [redacted] The Legal Attache's Office, however, has the responsibility of maintaining adequate coverage through its sources on the more important Spanish Communists who may be engaged in espionage or other subversive activities directed against the United States or who are in contact with known American Communists. The Legal Attache's Office should, therefore, be guided accordingly.

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AIRGRAM

Mr. Tolson	
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DECODE OF CODED MESSAGE NUMBER 131 DATED MAY 9, 1955 AT MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA AIRGRAM.

Gen'l

COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER. REBUAIRGRAM MAY 5 LAST. CASE GIVEN IMMEDIATE ATTENTION ON RECEIPT AT MEXICO CITY AND ALL INFORMANTS ALERTED. [] WHO HAS BEEN FAMILIAR WITH SPANISH COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST, WAS SENT TO BORDER AREAS IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN ANY ORGANIZED SPANISH COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES AND HAS ADVISED THAT HE LEARNED OF NONE. SEPARATE CASES HAVE BEEN OPENED IN MEXICO CITY OFFICE ON MARCOS RODRIGUEZ - MORENO, WA, (BUFILE 100-416800), GREGORIO ARANA - XURQUIAGA (BUFILE 100-416916), AND ON MANUEL ALTES MARINA AND JUAN VALEDO SORIANO. THE LATTER TWO FORMERLY RESIDED IN CHIHUAHUA AND WERE REPORTED AS FORMERLY ACTIVE SPANISH COMMUNISTS. REPORT IS PRESENTLY BEING PREPARED ON COMMUNIST PARTY OF SPAIN IN MEXICO WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED ON MAY 25 NEXT. NO REPORT SENT THUS FAR AS UNTIL RECENTLY SPANISH COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED WITHIN PRIMARY JURISDICTION OF [] AND WE HAVE DESIRED TO PRODUCE AS COMPREHENSIVE A REPORT AS POSSIBLE WHICH NECESSITATES SPECIAL RESEARCH IN ADDITION TO INFORMANT INVESTIGATIONS.

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Reports to be submitted 7/1/55

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Coverage along Mexican Border (2)

(Juan Soriano & Manuel Marina) 5/11/55

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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May 25, 1955

SAC, El Paso

Director, FBI (100-356015) ~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

⑥ COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

Gen'l

ReBuletts April 14 and May 19, 1955, relative to
the monthly summary reports to be submitted by each office.

The purpose of these reports is to give the
Bureau a complete summary picture of the status of this
project in each office. The reports should, therefore,
not only summarize briefly the information developed during
the reporting period and set forth the progress made in the
development of informants, but the reports should also list
specifically the investigative cases pending in each office in
connection with the border coverage program. In this connec-
tion, you should, of course, list the Communist Party of
Mexico and the Popular Party cases as well as the cases
opened on various individuals on whom separate cases have
been opened as a result of the investigations being con-
ducted in the Mexican border area.

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1 - SAC, Phoenix

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1 - Legal Attache (for information)
Mexico City, Mexico

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: APRIL 18, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE

*Communist Coverage Along Mexican Border*Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 13, 1955. *Good*

In accordance with the Director's instructions that the second border coverage conference be held not later than June 1, 1955, instructions have been sent to the field advising that the conference has been tentatively scheduled for May 23, 24 and 25, 1955. The border offices and the Legal Attache's office have been instructed to submit their suggestions for the agenda for that conference and the agenda will be drafted as soon as those replies are received.

In connection with the submission of statistics relative to security subjects, all foreign offices have been instructed to submit such statistics relative to American Security Index subjects and American Espionage subjects under investigation in their countries in conjunction with the regular semiannual accomplishments reports. In order that we may have on hand immediately an up-to-date set of such figures concerning security investigations in our foreign offices, those offices have been instructed to send in at once those statistics as of April 15, 1955.

The Director inquired as to why the Domestic Intelligence Division has not taken action to effect extension of the Legal Attache's security coverage in the northern part of Mexico. The Resident Agency in Monterrey was opened to extend our coverage in northern Mexico in 1951. Monterrey is the largest city in that part of Mexico, we have considerable work there and a consulate exists which serves as a cover for our Agents although it is 150 miles south of the border. We now have two Agents assigned to Monterrey. Arrangements were subsequently made for the Senior Resident Agent at Monterrey to confer periodically with the SAC at San Antonio and with San Antonio Agents handling investigations along the border in order that there can be coordination between the security investigations handled in the northern part of Mexico out of the Monterrey Resident Agency and those of the border coverage Agents in the San Antonio Division. In 1952 a resident agency was also opened at Guaymas, Mexico, to handle coverage in the northwestern part of the country. That resident agency was closed when the Consulate at Guaymas was eliminated by the State Department and we therefore established a resident agency at Guadalajara out of which the west coast road trip territory is handled to cover criminal and security work up to the border area and to cover the Bureau subjects who arrive in Mexico by the west coast highway.

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On February 8, 1955, the Legal Attache was instructed to transfer an informant to Nuevo Laredo from Mexico City if a suitable one could be found, or to ascertain from available informants in Mexico City the identity of an individual in Nuevo Laredo who would serve as a suitable informant. The Legal Attache was again followed on this matter on March 16, 1955. The Legal Attache has likewise been instructed to draw up concrete plans for the further extension of his security coverage in northern Mexico.

Mexico City is the focal point for security investigations in Mexico, as the headquarters of the Communist Party of Mexico and the Soviet Embassy are located there. We have built up our coverage in Mexico City over a period of several years and last fall the Legal Attache was authorized to begin an intensified coverage of Soviet activities in Mexico City. This coverage relates not only directly to subversive activities in Mexico City but since Mexico City is the center of Communist and Soviet activities it is closely related to security investigations along the border.

The question of security coverage by the Legal Attache's office in the northern part of Mexico was included on the agenda of the border coverage conference held at El Paso in January, 1955, and it is being placed on the agenda of the May, 1955, conference and it will be given primary consideration by that conference.

The Director inquired as to who has been in charge of the border coverage program. In answer to the Director's question, this is to advise that the program has been handled in the Domestic Intelligence Division. The administrative aspects of the program are supervised in the Liaison Section, and have been since its inception, in connection with the Foreign Liaison program. Inspector V. P. Keay was in charge of the Liaison Section until June, 1954, when SA R. R. Roach became Chief of the Section. SA Nathan L. Ferris has been the supervisor in charge of the Foreign Liaison Desk. I and Inspector Keay continue to maintain over-all supervision of the entire program.

*Since December, 1948.

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- 1 - Section Tickler
- 1 - N. L. Ferris

SAC, El Paso

May 25, 1955

Director, FBI (100-356015)

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**COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER**

Gen'l

As you are aware in each office where more than one Agent is assigned to this program the SAC is personally responsible for the coordination of the activities of the border coverage Agents. In order that the Bureau can have a clear picture of the manner in which the border coverage program is being administered in each office, you and each SAC receiving a copy of this letter should immediately submit an analysis of the administrative procedures under which this program operates on the field level.

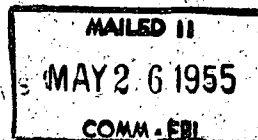
You should advise the Bureau how supervision over this program is maintained, by whom, and what controls are set up to make sure that an adequate amount of time and attention is paid to this program by the participating Agents. You should also advise what guidance is given to the various Agents to see to it that adequate attention is devoted to the establishment of informant coverage with emphasis on the areas where that coverage is most badly needed. 100-356015-988

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In analyzing the details of the administration of your office, you should also indicate how letters from the Bureau containing instructions concerning this program are handled, showing whether they are merely routed to the interested Agents or whether you discuss them with the Agents and lay out concrete programs for the development of informants upon receipt of letters indicating need for further coverage.

This matter must be handled promptly.

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- 1 - SAC, Phoenix
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- 1 - SAC, San Diego



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Enclosure to Reach to Belmont memo dated 5/24/55
Communist Coverage Along the Mexican Border

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To: COMMUNIST ON MAY 27, 1955

Transmit the following message to:

LEGAL ATTACHE
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

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AIRGRAM

① Gen'l
COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER, RE CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD EL PASO JUNE TWO AND THREE, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE.
COPIES OF AGENDA FORWARDED YOU SEPARATELY MAY TWENTYFIVE,
NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. YOU AND PARTICIPATING AGENTS SHOULD
REPORT TO EL PASO OFFICE EIGHT THIRTY A.M. JUNE TWO,
NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS PERTINENT
SECTIONS OF AGENDA.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

May 28, 1955

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Transmit the following message to:

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BORDER COVERAGE CONFERENCE

Assistant Director A. H. Belmont and Section Chief Ralph R. Roach arriving El Paso 7:15 p.m., June 1, 1955, by American Airlines. Make two single room hotel reservations for nights of June 1, 2, and 3, 1955.

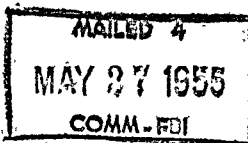
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DATE: May 25, 1955
TO: Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico
FROM: Director, FBI
SUBJECT: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]
(MEXICO CITY OFFICE), COMMUNIST
COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

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Reurlet 4/22/55 concerning the above-captioned informant and the Bureau's letter of 5/10/55. Enclosed herewith is a copy of a self-explanatory letter which has been received from San Diego relative to the possibility of that office's handling the informant.

It is requested that you furnish the Bureau your further comments regarding the feasibility of turning this informant over to the San Diego Office.

Enclosure

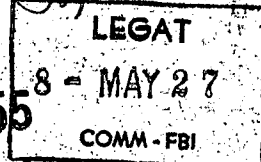
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

530 Broadway
San Diego, California
May 18, 1955

WASHINGTON 25, D.

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

ATTN: FOREIGN LIAISON DESK

Re: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

[redacted] (Mexico City
Office), COMMUNIST
COVERAGE ALONG THE
MEXICAN BORDER

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Dear Sir:

Gen'l

ReLegat, Mexico letter to Bureau, 4/22/55;
Bulet to Legat, Mexico, 5/10/55; San Diego radiogram
to Bureau, 4/13/55.

In view of the information set forth in Legat
letter dated April 22, 1955, the San Diego Office is
of the opinion [redacted] could be effectively used by
the San Diego Office in connection with the above cap-
tioned program. In the event the Bureau concurs with
such a move it is also recommended that from an adminis-
trative viewpoint it would be much better for the San
Diego Office to handle [redacted] rather than have the Legat
handle him on a road trip basis, inasmuch as the San
Diego Office would be in a better position to give his
case constant supervision. This of course is entirely
dependent upon the viewpoint of the Legat and the
determination which that office will make after they
interview the informant in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

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Very truly yours,

H. G. Maynor
H. G. MAYNOR
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI - Attn. Foreign Liaison DATE: 5/27/55
 FROM : *fic* Section (100-356015)
 SAC, Phoenix (100-3670)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

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Gen'l

Rebuairtel 5/5/55 and El Paso let 5/5/55 concerning hotel accommodations and Phoenix airtel of 5/10/55 to Bureau setting forth the identity of personnel, Phoenix Division, who will attend the conference at El Paso, June 2 and 3, 1955.

SAC F. E. CROSBY and SA WALTER C. ROGERS will arrive El Paso 6:35 PM 6/1/55 via American Airlines, Flight 954. They will depart El Paso 7:35 PM 6/3/55, American Airlines Flight 207. SA ROBERT C. MOODY will travel to and from El Paso via Southern Pacific Railroad.

El Paso is requested to make reservations for SAC CROSBY and SA ROGERS nights of first and second, and for SA MOODY night of 6/2/55.

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2 cc: El Paso (Regis. AM)

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May 25, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

During the course of the briefing of the Attorney General's staff conference at Quantico last week by General Swing, he indicated that he believed that the Immigration and Naturalization Service now had the Mexican border under control. He pointed out that whereas a year ago many persons were able to cross the border without being picked up, this was no longer the condition.

He also stressed the fact that the Immigration and Naturalization Service was now penetrating the Communist Party in Mexico and had but recently established six new informants in the Communist Party in Mexico. He stated that through these new informants and those already maintained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Mexico, the Immigration and Naturalization Service was able to obtain the names of all Mexican Communist Party members along the Mexican border.

I point this out because of the fact that it is evident that the Immigration and Naturalization Service have or are endeavoring to expand their informant coverage along the border and this certainly should present a challenge to the FBI to have adequate coverage in that area.

Very truly yours,

Fig. J.E.H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: May 25, 1955

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: BORDER COVERAGE PROGRAM

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At 11:20 AM, May 25, 1955, Inspector Nugent called from San Antonio. He requested that he be furnished with a copy of the agenda for the forthcoming conference on the Border Coverage Program at San Antonio. I told him that we would do this.

ACTION:

As soon as the agenda has been prepared, a copy should be designated for Inspector Nugent so that he will have it in advance of the conference.

CEH:mn
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cc - Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Hennrich
 Mr. Keay
 Mr. Roach
 Mr. Ferris

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 with suggested Nugent
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. May 27, 1955

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① COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

Re conference to be held El Paso June 2 and 3, next. Agenda forwarded each border office by routing slip May 25, 1955, with sufficient copies for each participant. Each Agent and SAC attending the conference should review that agenda and be prepared to discuss indicated items. El Paso should make available appropriate room for conference which will begin 8:30 a.m., June 2, 1955.

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- 1 - Inspector Nugent
San Antonio

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ah*

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH *RR*

SUBJECT: ^① COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER *Gen'l*

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In connection with the preparation of background material to be taken by us to El Paso for the Border Coverage Conference June 2 and 3, 1955, there are approximately 15 items which we will need and on which copies are not available. We will, therefore, need to have autostat copies made of those particular items.

The autostat machine in the Records Section is unusually busy. The Laboratory, however, has an autostat machine and in the past when it has been necessary to make copies of this type the Laboratory has allowed us to use their machine. It is also noted that this machine is near the Foreign Liaison Unit where the items in question are located. One of the clerks in the Foreign Liaison Unit can operate an autostat machine and could make those copies without having to call on the Laboratory for assistance.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Laboratory with the request that authorization be given to utilizing their autostat machine to reproduce the items necessary for the conference.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Section Tickler
- 1 - N. L. Ferris

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MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA STATE DEPARTMENT.

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Sent by 5/25/55
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[Signature]
cc: Mr. Belmont
cc: Mr. [Signature]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER
(100-356015)

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At the present time the correspondence with the various border offices relative to the border coverage project is filed in captioned file. That correspondence pertains to the offices at San Antonio, El Paso, Albuquerque, Phoenix and San Diego. The file is becoming voluminous and it is increasingly difficult to follow the correspondence with the various field offices. In order to facilitate the supervision of this program, it is recommended that the Records Section be requested to break this file down into subfiles with one for each border office. A separate subfile would not be necessary for the Legal Attache's office in Mexico since that office is not directly responsible for the border coverage program. While copies of the communications with the border offices are furnished to the Legal Attache for his information, it is infrequent that inquiries have to be made of the Legal Attache in connection with the border coverage project itself, aside from requests for file checks relative to potential informants being developed by the border offices. The border coverage file is maintained in the confidential file room and the subfiles should likewise be retained in that room.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Records Section be requested to break the border coverage file down into subfiles for the five border offices.

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- 1 - Records and Communications Division
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Ferris
- 1 - Lia. Sect. Tick.

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Miss Gandy	_____

DECODE OF CODED MESSAGE NUMBER 155 DATED MAY 25, 1955 AT MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA AIRGRAM.

COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] PSI. ATTENTION FOREIGN LIAISON DESK. RE SAN DIEGO LETTER OF MAY 12. INDICES OF THIS OFFICE NEGATIVE AND NO RECORD OF PSI IN FILES OF POLITICAL SECTION, VISA SECTION, GENERAL EMBASSY FILES, [REDACTED] OR INS, ALL EMBASSY HERE. POLICE CHECKS NOW BEING MADE AND BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED RESULTS PROMPTLY.

JOHN N. SPEAKES

RECEIVED: 5-31-55 1:23 PM BRC

*Orig. Director
cc: Mr. Belmont*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: May 20, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN
BORDER JUNE, 1955, CONFERENCE Gen'l

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Enclosed is the proposed agenda for the Border Coverage Conference to be held in El Paso June 2 and 3, 1955. The purpose of the conference is to emphasize and stress the inadequacies of the program, make sure that each office understands the necessity for aggressively establishing coverage, the establishment of definite objectives in each office and the determination of positive action to be taken in each office to effect adequate coverage.

I will conduct the conference with Mr. Roach's assistance with those objectives in mind. The agenda has been drawn up in such a manner that the "lecture" portions will be limited to those periods of time devoted specifically to setting forth the purposes of the conference and of the program, emphasizing the necessity to adopt an aggressive approach to the establishment of adequate coverage and by the comments to be made by Inspector Nugent concerning the shortcomings and weaknesses of the coverage maintained by each office as ascertained by the Inspectors. The portions of the conference which will be devoted to the definite problems encountered in developing and handling informants as well as the developments in each office will be handled on a discussion basis with representatives of all offices participating and with Mr. Roach or myself serving as discussion leader so that the attending Agents can furnish guidance and suggestions to the other Agents on the most successful and most practical means of handling Mexican informant matters. In this way the Agents participating in the conference will be able to learn from the successful experiences of other Agents how best to deal with the problems arising in connection with this program, with the discussion stimulated and directed by penetrating questions asked by the chairman. In this connection the representatives from the Legal Attache's Office in Mexico, will, of course, be able to make positive contributions to the discussions. The conference will conclude with an analysis of the weaknesses of the program and plans for aggressively and positively effecting better coverage.

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If the enclosed agenda is approved, it will be reproduced and transmitted to the field for study and preparation in anticipation of the conference.

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Enclosure

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(5) 1 - Mr. Boardman

1 - Mr. Belmont

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1 - Section Tickler

1 - Mr. Ferris

AGENDA FOR
BORDER COVERAGE CONFERENCE
EL PASO, TEXAS
JUNE 2-3, 1955

June 2

8:30-9:30 Purpose of Conference.

Background, aims and purposes of the program; imperative necessity for aggressive handling; supervision and field direction to make program active and productive; vital concern over inadequacies of coverage maintained under this program at present time; conference to set definite objectives and to stress fact that those objectives must be met without fail.

9:30-11:30 Developments in Each Field Office Since Last Conference.

Discussion by each Field Office of progress and developments since January Conference with concrete data as to what developments have occurred and plans for more effectual coverage; discussion by Legal Attache of developments in Mexico and plans for further extension of coverage in northern Mexico.

11:30a.m.-1:00 p.m. Comments by Inspector Nugent.
(or longer if necessary)

Presentation by Inspector Nugent of findings of Inspectors regarding the shortcomings and weaknesses of the coverage maintained by each border office in this program and of the procedures utilized by each office; Inspector's analysis of the coverage maintained by the Legal Attache's office particularly in relation to the northern part of Mexico and analysis of the coordination existing between the Legal Attache's office and the border offices.

1:00-2:00 Lunch

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2:00-3:00 Relations with Other Agencies.

Relations with [] and USINS on national and local levels; INS activities as they affect development of informants by border offices; means of handling such problems as they arise.

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3:00-4:00 Coordination between Legal Attache's Office and Border Offices.

Correlation of security investigations in northern Mexico with those of border offices under this program; possible means of making coordination closer; problems of handling informants traveling in both border office and Legal Attache office areas and possible solutions.

Development and Handling of Informants.

4:00-5:00

1. Recent experiences of each office. - New techniques utilized; location, approach and recruitment of new informants.

5:00-6:30

2. Experiences in dealing with Mexicans. - Characteristics, informant possibilities, outlook and vulnerable points of Mexican Communists and members of Popular Party.

June 3

8:30-10:00

3. Sources of informants. Experiences of each office; tactics in recruitment of Communists as informants and in penetration of Communist groups by non-Communist informants.

10:00-12:00

4. Interviews. Successful and unsuccessful interviews with Communists or ex-Communists and Popular Party members with object of informant recruitment.

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-3:00

5. Control of Informants. Hazards in development of Mexican informants and means of counterbalancing them. [redacted] and handling of unreliable informants. Methods of control of active and inactive informants.

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3:00-4:00

Administrative Aspects

Adequacy of personnel; analysis of supervisory procedure in each office and coordination of work of various agents.

4:00-5:00

Round Table

Discussion of individual problems of each office relative to this program.

5:00-6:00

Analysis of weaknesses of the program. Planning and resolving of courses of action to be taken to aggressively and positively improve program to effect better coverage.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. June 7, 1955

Transmit the following message to: SAC, San Diego

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COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

Gen'l

ReBuairtel 4-23-55 inquiring relative to Bureau security monographs reviewed by border coverage Agents, and reuairtel 5-2-55 setting forth two monographs reviewed by Agents. Suairtel what monographs have been reviewed by border coverage Agents since your airtel on 5-2-55.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *over*

DATE: May 13, 1955

FROM : R. R. Roach *R*SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER *Gen'l*

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Reference is made to the memorandum prepared by Supervisor Ferris from you to Mr. Boardman dated May 13, 1955, captioned as above, in which, under the heading "Seat of Government" Mr. Ferris strongly maintains that the supervision of the border coverage program, the Mexican Communist Party, and related cases be coordinated and handled on the same desk without divided jurisdiction. With reference to this observation I concur with Supervisor Ferris' views and in view of the fact that the Espionage Section supervised the Mexican Communist Party, the Popular Party of Mexico, and related cases and also in view of the fact that it is the purpose of the border coverage program to develop information relating to Communist and espionage activities in Mexico, it would be logical to transfer the border coverage program to that Section.

In connection with the statement made by Supervisor Ferris that we should revert to the procedure we followed during the [] program, i.e., combining the administrative handling of the Legal Attaches as well as supervising all cases growing out of their coverage, I do not believe that this should be done at this time. The objectives, procedures, and responsibilities under our present foreign liaison program are entirely different from those during the [] program. The foreign liaison program today is but an extension of the activities of the Domestic Intelligence Division. The administrative handling of our Legal Attaches has encountered no difficulties although the cases handled by those Attaches and Liaison Representatives are supervised by other Sections and Divisions in the Bureau. The situation so far as the Legal Attaches are concerned is comparable to the domestic administrative handling of our field offices, they being handled from an administrative viewpoint by one Division, while the product of their investigations is handled by all Divisions. Keeping our foreign Liaison Representatives on the same basis is not inconsistent with Bureau policy at the present time, is functioning properly throughout the Legal Attache system, and should be continued.

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I concur in the other comments made by Supervisor Ferris in the referenced memorandum.

ACTION: For your information.

RRR:lw
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1-Mr. Belmont

1-Mr. Roach 1-Section Tickler

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[Signature]
 BELMONT

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *lvb*

DATE: May 13, 1955

FROM : *L. Ferris* L. FERRISSUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER*Gen'l*

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In response to your request, the following analyses and recommendations are submitted concerning the weaknesses of the border coverage program:

Seat of Government

Since the inception of the border coverage program there has been divided jurisdiction with the administrative aspects of program being handled in the Foreign Liaison Unit and the information produced by the program which, of course, pertains to the Mexican Communist Party, the Popular Party and related subjects being handled on one of the country desks in the Espionage Section. Although the two Supervisors involved endeavor to coordinate their work, this arrangement is not satisfactory. Since the Supervisor handling the border coverage program thus is not aware of the product of that program it is not possible for him to adequately gauge the effectiveness of our coverage. It is strongly recommended that whether I am retained in the Foreign Liaison Unit or whether I am replaced by someone else, the supervision of the border coverage project, the Mexican Communist Party and related cases be coordinated without divided jurisdiction. In this connection it is pointed out that although our present objectives and procedures are different from what they were during the program, nevertheless, it is believed that consideration should be given to the combining of the administrative and investigative supervision of foreign operations as we found it necessary to do when our foreign operations were more extensive. b7D

Staff of Foreign Liaison Unit

The Foreign Liaison Unit has been undermanned for nearly a year due to the growth and work of that Unit. Recommendations

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cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Roach
 Mr. Ferris

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were not made some time ago to increase personnel on that Desk because it was hoped that the increase was temporary. It appears, however, that such is not the case. The Foreign Liaison Unit is presently staffed with two Agents; and the work is divided into two categories: (1) the handling of police cooperation investigation and name checks; (2) the supervision of our foreign offices and operations. During the past two years foreign requests for investigation and name checks have grown from 2314 in period 3/1/52 - 2/28/53 to 3052 in the period 3/1/54 - 2/28/55. In addition, the work involving the supervision of the foreign offices has grown, particularly in Mexico where we have expanded operations and informant coverage. We also have two new offices which need careful supervision. Administrative handling of the border coverage program and the informants being developed under the intensified program together with the urgent need for closer supervision of that program all add up to the personnel shortage in the Foreign Liaison Unit. It is noted that for the past six months the two Agents assigned to the Foreign Liaison Unit have averaged five hours and twenty-six minutes a day overtime jointly. It is not possible to absorb substantially increased work by increased overtime and neither are there functions of the Unit which can be curtailed without impairing our control of the foreign offices. It is recommended that if the border coverage program is continued on the Foreign Liaison Desk that an additional Agent be added to the Unit in order that it can be adequately staffed. If it is transferred to the Espionage Section the additional personnel might not be needed in Foreign Liaison at the present time.

Field Level

(1) In connection with the operation of the border coverage program in the border offices, it is believed that our biggest weakness in the field is one of personnel. While most of the Agents handling this program in various border offices have been in the Resident Agencies or border offices for an extended period of time and are, therefore, of definite value to the program because of their extensive knowledge of the area and local residents and problems, there is, nevertheless, the need in some places for additional personnel with emphasis

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on well-rounded security experience. Other agents are needed in the areas where coverage is weakest and where the present agents have had only incidental or limited security experience with inadequate background relative to the development and handling of security informants as well as inadequate Communist background to properly judge the value and nature of the information that is received.

It is recommended that an additional qualified Spanish-speaking security agent be assigned to each of the following posts: (1) The Resident Agency in Brownsville, Texas, where the border coverage program has over a long period of time been handled by SA Clay Zachry who is exceptionally well acquainted with the Matanaros area and who has developed and successfully operated [redacted] the only current informant utilized by the San Antonio office. Zachry, however, has not established adequate coverage. The coverage which we maintain in the eastern part of Texas is not adequate and it is believed that Zachry should be supplemented by an additional qualified agent. (2) McAllen, Texas, the second Resident Agency of the El Paso office. At present the border coverage program in the McAllen area is handled by Clay Zachry. If a qualified Spanish-speaking Agent with qualified security experience is not now available in that Resident Agency, it is recommended that such an agent be assigned to that post. (3) Laredo, Texas. The border coverage program in this area is presently being handled by Clarence P. Graham, a good agent of unquestioned sincerity who, however, lacks security experience. He is making some progress in the development of informants, and the Legal Attache's office in Mexico is testing two informants in that area who may be eventually taken over by the Resident Agency. Our coverage, however, in this vital spot is inadequate, and a well qualified security Agent is needed at Laredo to assist Graham on this program. (4) El Paso. The border coverage program in the El Paso area has been handled since its inception by SA Frederick Johns, and SA C. Lawrence Rice was added to the program 5-11-54.* Johns had developed good coverage through [redacted] whom he developed

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*Due to a shortage of Spanish speaking agents, however, Rice had to devote his entire time to criminal work in Juarez and was not able to actively participate in this program until December, 1954.

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and handled and who helped break the Gus Hall case. The El Paso Office has repeatedly tried to develop additional informants but our coverage is still inadequate. This situation should continue to be followed closely to see if Johns and Rice combined can develop needed coverage. If there is no improvement, a change would be indicated.

With regard to the above suggestions regarding assignment of additional personnel to the offices mentioned it is to be noted that these agents will not devote their full time to this program since of necessity they must handle other matters in order to serve as a cover for their border coverage activities.

(2) In the Phoenix Office this program is handled at the west end of the state by the agent assigned to the Resident Agency at Yuma, Arizona. The eastern and more important part, however, is handled by an agent assigned to the headquarters office at Phoenix. This assignment was necessary in November, 1954, as a suitable Spanish-speaking security agent was not available in the Resident Agencies near the border. The agent at Phoenix has to travel nearly a full day to get to the border and another day to return. This, of course, is a cumbersome procedure which serves as a handicap in the development of adequate coverage. The SAC's attention was called to this situation when the agent was approved and he was told to give consideration to the possibility of having this program handled out of one of the Resident Agencies near the border. If some reason exists why that agent should not be transferred to one of the Resident Agencies, it is believed that the Administrative Division should furnish a qualified Spanish-speaking security agent for assignment to one of the Resident Agencies near the Arizona-Mexico border to handle this program.

Above suggestions are predicated on the fact that in the past we have tried to handle this program with the personnel available but the results are not satisfactory, and it is recommended that in the future positive consideration be given to this program when personnel are selected for the border offices.

*Memo Ferris to Boardman
May 13, 1955*

ACTION:

The above is submitted for your information.

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*See Survey made of
Foreign Liaison Dept by
Tru + Inspection Div*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *lfh*

DATE: May 13, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BEEMONT *6-11-55*SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE
MEXICAN BORDERGen'l

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Reference is made to a memorandum submitted by Supervisor Nathan L. Ferris to you containing recommendations concerning weaknesses in the border coverage program. The following observations are submitted with respect to these recommendations:

(1) Ferris suggests that the handling of the cases involved in the program, that is the cases pertaining to the Mexican Communist Party, the Popular Party and related cases should be handled together with administrative supervision of the border coverage program. At present administration of the program is supervised on the Foreign Service Desk, and the cases are supervised on the substantive desks in the Espionage Section. Ferris adds the suggestion that consideration be given to the combining of administrative and investigative supervision of all of our foreign operations as it was handled during SIS days. Section Chief Roach concurs with the first suggestion, that is that administrative and investigative operations of the border coverage program should be combined in the Espionage Section. He does not believe, however, that we should consider extending this principle to other foreign offices at the present time.

I do not think the transfer of the administrative handling of the border coverage program to the Espionage Section would be sound. Essentially, this program involves an operation in a foreign country even though run from the border offices rather than from the Legal Attache's office. It would not be practical to separate it from the supervision of the administration of the Mexico City office. Fundamentally, all work of the Bureau is run on the basis of one Section or Division handling administrative operations and another investigative operations.

(2) Ferris points out the Foreign Liaison Unit has been undermanned. Although it was hoped that the increase of work was temporary, this does not appear to be the case. He suggested an

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Roach
Mr. Keay

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additional Agent be added to the Unit for supervision if the border coverage program is retained.

Section Chief Roach has advised me that while the work on the Desk has been heavy and an additional Agent has been placed on the work when possible, he did not feel it necessary to ask for additional help until in the recent past. I have been loath to request transfer of additional help into the Division. However, we will again examine the situation and submit a recommendation.

(3) Ferris suggests that certain changes be made in the personnel handling this program in the field offices in order to place personnel on this program who are fully qualified to handle it, that is Spanish-speaking Agents with security experience. Mr. Keay's memorandum to me dated April 23, 1955, suggested that it may be desirable to add additional qualified personnel to this project but suggested that it be considered in the next border conference which was then scheduled for May but has been postponed until June 2. I believe it to be desirable to complete the survey by the Training and Inspection Division now being made and hold this conference before we consider making changes in the personnel assignments on this program in the field.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *lfm*

DATE: May 23, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *6-11-55*SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDERcc Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Roach
Mr. Hennrich

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Further reference is made to the suggestion that cases pertaining to the Mexican Communist Party, Popular Party and related cases should be supervised on the same desk handling the administrative supervision of the Mexican Border coverage program. At the present time, the specific cases are supervised in the Espionage Section, while administration of the border coverage program is supervised on the Foreign Liaison Desk.

It should be noted that primarily the Mexican Border coverage program is concerned with the development and running of informants in Mexico. The principal weakness in the program and, therefore, the principal matter needing attention is the development of adequate informant coverage. The information received as a result of this coverage is concerned with and combined with a number of different cases under the supervision of different Supervisors. It would seem that the efforts of the desk supervising the Mexican border coverage program should be devoted to the principal problem - that is - the extension of our informant coverage and should not be diverted by the supervision of numerous miscellaneous matters.

Insofar as keeping up with the effectiveness of the informant program, the Foreign Liaison Desk Supervisor on the Mexican Border coverage would not need to see all of the information produced any more than the Informant Desk in the Internal Security Section would need to see all of the information produced as the result of informant coverage within the United States. The Foreign Liaison Desk should be able to keep up with the effectiveness of the informant coverage by the progress reports submitted by border offices and, of course, by the justification letters on individual informants.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Foreign Liaison Desk continue to administer the border coverage program, but that the information produced - that is - the cases involved be supervised on the substantive desks now handling these cases.

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Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
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Mr. Parsons	✓
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DECODE OF CODED MESSAGE NUMBER 160 DATED MAY 31, 1955 AT
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA AIRGRAM.

① COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER. RE LEGAT AIRGRAM
MAY 9 LAST. REPORT PROMISED FOR MAY 25 LAST NOT SENT AS JUSTO
BERMEJO, UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCO GOVERNMENT IN
MEXICO CITY HAD PROMISED INFO RE CURRENT SPANISH COMMUNIST
ACTIVITIES BY MAY 23 LAST BUT STATES THIS INFORMATION NOT
AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE 3 NEXT. REPORT HAS BEEN OUTLINED AND WILL
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order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

cc: Mr. Belmont
cc: Mr. Ferris

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

DATE: June 3, 1955

FROM : J. P. MOHR JPM

SUBJECT: ~~X~~ SPANISH-TRAINED AGENTS

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The Director has requested to be advised concerning the status of our Spanish language-trained Agents throughout the service.

There are approximately 200 Special Agents thoroughly proficient in the Spanish language. These Special Agents are scattered throughout practically all of the field divisions. In addition, we have a Spanish Language School in session at the present time which commenced April 4, 1955, and will be completed August 12, 1955. There are ten men in this school. You may recall that the first Spanish Language School composed of ten Special Agents was completed April 1, 1955. Five of the Agents were transferred to San Juan, one to New York, and four are presently assigned to the Washington Field Office.

The San Juan Office does not need any replacements during the balance of the 1955 calendar year. Under normal conditions San Juan will need eleven replacements during the calendar year 1956. We do not anticipate starting another Spanish Language School until the fall of 1956 as it appears we will have a surplus of fully qualified Special Agents.

The only outstanding requests for Spanish-trained Agents at the present time are from the El Paso Office and the Albuquerque Office. The Domestic Intelligence Division has already advised these two offices that their requests would be considered at the conclusion of the current Border Coverage Conference.

Give prompt attention. H. 100-356015-1028

With respect to the request from the SAC, El Paso, the following is furnished for your information. During an inspection of the El Paso Office in November, 1954, the SAC requested an additional Spanish-speaking Agent to handle criminal investigative matters in Juarez, Mexico. This request was not in connection with the Communist coverage along the Mexican border. The Inspector concluded that an additional Spanish-speaking Agent could be utilized and pointed out that this would be borne in mind by the Bureau. This matter was discussed with ASAC Emrich while he was at the Seat of Government in December, 1954, and it was pointed out that there were three Spanish-speaking Agents in El Paso at that time. Mr. Emrich advised that inasmuch as an additional Agent was under transfer to El Paso, he felt that by reassigning the work of the Spanish-speaking Agents, they would not need an additional Spanish-speaking Agent. The caseload and activity did not warrant an additional Agent of any kind at that

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time. Consequently, no action was taken to assign a Spanish speaking Agent to El Paso.

On January 19, 1955, the SAC at El Paso renewed his request for an additional Spanish-speaking Agent. By letter dated January 28, 1955, the Bureau reminded the SAC that Mr. Emrich had indicated that an additional Spanish-speaking Agent was not needed and that by reassigning the work of the Spanish-speaking Agents in his division it would not be necessary to have an additional man. The SAC was requested to reconsider this matter and submit his recommendations for a Spanish-speaking Agent if he still felt it was impossible to efficiently handle the matters in his division without an additional Spanish-speaking Agent. The SAC did not reply to this letter, which indicated that after re-examining the matter he could get along without an additional Agent. However, by letter dated May 16, 1955, the SAC, El Paso, requested two additional Spanish-speaking Agents for assignment to the border coverage project. The Bureau answered his letter May 25, 1955, and advised that his request would be given consideration after the current Border Coverage Conference. By letter dated May 27, 1955, the SAC advised that his inadequate coverage of Communist matters along the border was due to the fact that he did not have sufficient Spanish-trained Special Agents. The Domestic Intelligence Division is today submitting a complete analysis of this situation with appropriate recommendations. However, for your information it does not appear that the SAC has analyzed his situation properly with respect to the number of Spanish-speaking Agents. One of the Spanish-speaking Agents has spent only 65% of his time on the border coverage program and another only 10% of his time to the program. If true, we should hold the SAC responsible.

With respect to the request of Albuquerque, the Bureau by letter dated May 31, 1955, advised the SAC that his request would receive careful consideration upon completion of the current Border Coverage Conference. The SAC plans to set up a new resident agency requiring the services of one additional Spanish-speaking Agent. The Domestic Intelligence Division is giving this matter close attention at this time.

In the event any office can justify the assignment of additional Spanish-speaking Agents, we are prepared to fill the needs. In this respect, I will remain in close touch with the Domestic Intelligence Division in analyzing the various requests for Spanish-speaking Agents.

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now highly probable as in the past. This complete confusion & contradictions at El Paso is at least in part due to failure of Mr. Emrich to define angles from Dec 1954 letter of Jan. 28, 1955.

June 6, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. MOHR
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS
MR. HARBO

In connection with the attached memorandum of Mr. Mohr addressed to Mr. Tolson under date of June 3, 1955, concerning specifically the condition existing at El Paso as regards the assignment of Spanish-speaking Agents, I am extremely displeased at the manner in which this situation has been handled.

It is apparent from Mr. Mohr's memorandum that the SAC and the Assistant SAC have not been in agreement as to the need for additional Spanish-speaking Agents. It is further apparent that Mr. Mohr's Division did not properly follow up the Bureau's letter to the SAC at El Paso on January 28, 1955, but merely assumed that by not getting any reply from the SAC to that letter, the SAC could get along without an additional Spanish-speaking Agent. Nevertheless, as the situation now exists the SAC at El Paso under date of May 16, 1955, is on record as requesting two additional Spanish-speaking Agents for assignment to El Paso and by letter dated May 29, 1955, places the blame upon the FBI headquarters at Washington for his not being able to have adequate coverage of Communist matters along the border because he did not have sufficient Spanish-trained Special Agents.

Mr. Mohr's Division was hopelessly derelict in not insisting upon a prompt answer to the letter sent to the SAC at El Paso under date of January 28, 1955.

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I note that Mr. Mohr's memorandum states that we have 200 Special Agents thoroughly proficient in the Spanish language. If that be a fact, I do not understand why we have not assigned the major portion of these Agents to the Mexican Border Offices where there is a need for the use of Spanish at least a portion of the time. When those offices are not in contact with Mexican officials and Mexicans on the other

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BY	RLW

MESSRS. TOLSON, MOHR, BOARDMAN, BELMONT, NICHOLS, HARBO
June 6, 1955

side of the border, there are large populations of Spanish-speaking individuals living on the American side of the border and it would be helpful, no doubt, to have Spanish-speaking Agents conducting investigations in such areas. For some reason which I do not understand, the Administrative Division here seems to have followed a policy of completely "hedging" on the adequate assignment of Spanish-speaking Agents to the offices along the Mexican Border. I am not suggesting that there be additional Agents assigned to the present complements but I do think that it would be well to effect prompt transfers of non-Spanish-speaking Agents now assigned to border offices and replace them with Spanish-speaking Agents.

I also want to have it clearly understood that there should be no assignment of Agents to Cuba, to Puerto Rico, to Mexico, nor to Madrid who are not thoroughly proficient in the Spanish language. If there are any Agents assigned to those areas at the present time who are not so proficient, they should be immediately replaced with some of the 200 that you advise me are now proficient in the handling of the Spanish language.

Very truly yours,

sig. J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Nichols	
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Date: May 3, 1955

To: Director, FBI (100-356015)

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

From: Legat, Mexico (100-743 D)

Subject: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

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Reference Bureau letter of April 14 last advising that there was a definite need to increase subversive coverage along the Mexican border with the United States. Bureau letter further stated that it was imperative that the Mexico City Office establish adequate coverage in the northern part of Mexico below the border area as well as in the metropolitan areas of Mexico City and Monterrey. It was further requested that the Legal Attache promptly draw up plans for the establishment of the needed coverage and advise the Bureau of those plans within two weeks from the receipt of referenced letter.

Referenced letter was received in Mexico City on April 22 last, and the Legal Attache immediately took action to make it possible to confer with Resident Agents JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR. and MALCOLM M. BINK at the earliest possible moment. The importance of conferring with these two Agents was, of course, based upon the fact that their Resident Agency areas comprise the border states.

Actually, it is not so much a matter of establishing coverage as of continuing to vigorously press for increased coverage. In response to Bureau instructions as far back as 1949 the Legal Attache gave serious attention to the matter of coverage in Northern Mexico, and it was as a result of the Legal Attache's conference with the Consul General at the American Consulate in Monterrey, Mexico, during December, 1950, that the program of expansion into the Consulates was initiated. The Legal Attache then felt that the tremendous distances and lack of

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communication over large areas made it essential that we have some Consular Resident Agencies. It was also realized that even with some Consular outposts we would still have a very real problem in coping with the demands of coverage in Northern Mexico.

It is felt that the program has developed very well indeed when consideration is taken of the tremendous handicaps we have faced and continue to face.

From Mexico City we have various informants of proved reliability whom we can send into the border states on short term assignments. It is, however, from the standpoint of local permanent coverage that the greatest gains are perhaps produced, and so we have endeavored to have our Resident Agents establish key contacts in most of the small towns which are along principal lines of communication south from the border area.

To be specific the following is briefly noted.

State of Tamaulipas

Reynosa

SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR. has established in Reynosa seven distinct individuals of Mexican nationality who are in a position to provide information on a confidential basis. For the most part these persons are contacted through regular Confidential Informants, principally [REDACTED]

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At present [REDACTED] is in contact with two individuals who are labor leaders of local importance, and [REDACTED] feels that the contact with these individuals has good possibilities for the obtaining of information of value.

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Here [REDACTED] is a personal friend of [REDACTED] and feels that this individual has a potential to be further developed as a local contact.

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Matamoros

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~~CONF. INET~~ In this town [] and [] and also former CI [] (who is still on friendly terms with the Resident Agent) have personal contacts with five identified individuals in various walks of life, which individuals are believed by the informants to be relatively well versed locally and reliable.

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Nuevo Laredo

In Nuevo Laredo the Mexico City Office has already taken steps to establish certain coverage which has been described to the Bureau. Of course, it is recognized that from 750 miles away it is not practical to try to run an informant situation of local nature. Accordingly, the Mexico City Office has primarily aimed at developing certain individuals to a point where they may possibly be turned over to the Resident Agency in Laredo, Texas, or to the Monterrey Resident Agency. The latter, even though 150 miles from the border, would still be able to give some administrative control to information gathering in Nuevo Laredo, although manifestly the administrative control would be much weaker than it would from Laredo, Texas.

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[] is a native of Nuevo Laredo and is presently working on the developing of information in that town. [] has a contact who is a [] and this individual has [] local labor leaders, accordingly acquiring some potential for providing information. Another friend of [], [] is an automobile salesman who has in the past provided small items of information with respect to PCM activities. This person presently has a potential for development. One [] is being contacted by [] who is an excellent contact of Resident Agent CREEDEN. This doctor feels that [] can develop information with respect to local Communist activities.

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State of Coahuila

Monclova

Here the Resident Agency is in touch with an Agent of the Mexican Federal Highway Police who is a native of the town and quite well versed with respect to local affairs. The Resident Agent feels that this local highway policeman may develop to the point where he will become a regular confidential informant.

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Ciudad Acuna

Here the Resident Agency is in touch with a local engineer by the name of [] who is believed to have a potential for development as a source of information.

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Piedras Negras

Road trips have been made to this town by informants of the Resident Agency, but as yet they have picked up no indication of local PCM activity of any importance.

Nueva Rosita

This town is the locale of important mines and consequently rather important labor matters. The Resident Agency has developed close contact with [] who is one of the [] of the local mining concern and who has expressed his willingness to cooperate in these matters where he might have definite information. Likewise, [] for Coahuila has expressed his willingness to inform with respect to agitation in and around the mining area.

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Saltillo

Here the Resident Agency has contact with five individuals of varied walks of life, all of whom are regarded as having a potential for providing information. One is a schoolteacher who is conversant with Communist attempts at penetration of the Schoolteachers' Union. Two others are miners who have some knowledge of Communist plans for agitation in the mining industry. Another is [] the famous summer school in Saltillo which in the past has had some attendance from American Communists, and one is an [] who is studying in Saltillo and has contact with certain radical students.

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State of Chihuahua

Chihuahua City

Here Resident Agent CREEDEN is a personal friend of [redacted] of the American Smelting & Refining Company's large plant. [redacted] has provided considerable information of value and will continue to do so. He is especially conversant with radical agitation within the ranks of the Miners' Union. b7D

In this town Resident Agent CREEDEN is very well acquainted and has personal contacts with at least six individuals, in addition to [redacted] who are residents of the town and in a position to either provide information when contacted or develop information on request. b7D

Casas Grandes

Here Resident Agent CREEDEN is in touch with [redacted] [redacted] who is one of the leading Mormons of the area and very conversant with Communist activities. b7D

State of Nuevo Leon

Here the Resident Agent has extremely strong coverage because most of the activities of interest with respect to Communist and political matters take place within the principal city of Monterrey, where the Resident Agency is very strong in informant coverage. However, in addition to the regular informants who are known to the Bureau, Resident Agent CREEDEN has numerous contacts among professional people, teachers and students, and businessmen. Through this type of coverage Resident Agent CREEDEN also has excellent ability to obtain information from the outlying areas of the state. Nuevo Leon has an extremely small point of contact at the border since the State of Tamaulipas covers most of the border area which might logically appear to be apportionable to Nuevo Leon. It is, therefore, a border state only in a relative sense.

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It is of interest that of the informants working for the Resident Agency in Monterrey the following are able to develop information of value throughout the border states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, and Chihuahua south of the immediate border area:



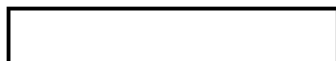
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State of Sonora

Resident Agent MALCOLM M. RINK is in contact with perhaps the most influential and skilled police officer of the State of Sonora. This being [redacted] who is identical with [redacted] has placed at Resident Agent RINK's disposition key reliable men in the following towns which are of some strategic importance in the area south of the border in Sonora. All of these men can be contacted directly by SA RINK where there is telephone service which is working. Of course, telephones are out of service much of the time and telephonic service is extremely poor. Accordingly, the problem of communications is so grave as only to be truly appreciated by a person who has traveled that vast frontier area. It is, however, of definite importance to have the service of the State Judicial Police at the command of SA RINK in these towns, and it is noted that these places are as follows and the present personnel assigned are as follows:

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San Luis, Rio Colorado



Director, FBI
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Santa Ana

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Altar

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Benjamin Hill

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Cananea

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State Judicial Police

Fronteras

[REDACTED]

Ures

[REDACTED]

Guaymas

[REDACTED]

Nogales

[REDACTED]

Navojoa

[REDACTED]

Agua Prieta

[REDACTED]

Agua

Prieta Police Department)

Director, FBI
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In addition to the foregoing SA RINK has established contact coverage at the following places through the following individuals:

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[redacted] Cananea Cattle Company

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Magdalena

[redacted]
[redacted] former police officer

Hermosillo

[redacted] San Alberto Hotel

Guaymas

[redacted]
[redacted] Trans Mar de Cortes Airlines
[redacted] Wilbur-Ellis Company
[redacted] Banco de Guaymas

Benjamin Hill

[redacted] Police Officer, Municipal Police Dept.

Puerto Penasco

[redacted] Fishing Inspector, Oficina de Pesca
[redacted], Former Police Officer

Gaborca

[redacted]

Ciudad Obregon

[redacted]
[redacted] Obregon Police Department
[redacted] Allis Chalmers Distributor

Navojoa

[redacted] Navojoa
Police Department

Director, FBI
RE: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE
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In addition to the foregoing in Sonora it may be noted that for important investigations the Mexico City Office can send into the area such experienced investigators as [redacted] and various others. We also can bring [redacted] down from Mexicali should the situation appear to demand any such action. It may be noted that for years the Mexican Communist Party has admitted its weakness throughout the State of Sonora and LOMBARDO TOLEDANO's Popular Party has been the only organization of a leftist nature which has had some success. Nevertheless, all recent information tends to reflect that the Popular Party itself is very inactive in Sonora. In spite of this, however, it is felt that we must establish reliable local contacts along the more important lines of communication in the State and, as reflected above, we have made considerable progress in that direction.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Boardman
Belmont
Mason
Mr. Roach

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CABLEGRAM

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: **LEGAL ATTACHE
MEXICO CITY**

May 12, 1955

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*Per call
Mr. Healy*

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FOR INSPECTOR NUGENT. REURAIRGRAM MAY SEVEN IN WHICH YOU
STATE REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE AND FILES THERE MAKES IT
CLEAR YOU CANNOT FIND OUT MUCH ABOUT BORDER COVERAGE IN THAT
OFFICE. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO EXPLAIN THIS STATEMENT IN THE
LIGHT OF SPEAKES' LETTER DATED MAY THIRD RE COMMUNIST COVERAGE
ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER IN VIEW OF FACT ALL REPORTS AND INFOR-
MATION PRODUCED AS RESULT BORDER COVERAGE IN UNITED STATES
FURNISHED TO THE LEGAL ATTACHE.

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cc Foreign Service Desk *per H*

(cover memo from Belmont to Boardman dated 5-12-55 re
MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE prepared by VPK:td)

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*memo to Boardman
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AK*

SUBJECT: MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE

DATE: May 10, 1955

cc Mr. Boardman
~~Mr. Belmont~~
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① COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

Reference is made to the attached airgram from Inspector Nugent in Mexico City stating "our review of correspondence in the files here makes it clear we cannot find out much about border coverage in this office". You inquired as to dissemination of information to the Legal Attache received through the border coverage project in the domestic offices along the Mexican border.

way not - if all pertinent information goes to attache?
 Dissemination of material received as a result of border coverage by the domestic offices is furnished to Mexico City as follows:

1. All reports and information received as a result of this coverage are furnished to the Legal Attache in Mexico City. *has this been done since the inception of the border coverage program?*
2. Informants developed by the border offices are checked with the Legal Attache in Mexico City except where the informant is purely a local informant. This means a majority of the informants developed by the border offices are checked with the Legal Attache in Mexico City.
3. All general instructions, administrative letters and so forth relating to the border coverage are furnished to the Legal Attache, Mexico City, where they have any pertinency whatsoever to his work. The majority of these prepared do go to the Legal Attache.
4. As you know, the Legal Attache, Special Agent Creeden, stationed at Monterey, Mexico, and Special Agent Rink, who makes the West Coast road trip in Mexico, attended the Conference relating to border coverage in January and will attend the next Conference in June. Both Creeden and Rink are in frequent direct touch with the border offices relating to border problems of the Bureau. Arrangements have been made for Creeden to periodically attend conferences in the office in San Antonio, this being the field office which has most of the business directly related to the border opposite Monterey, Mexico, where Creeden is stationed.

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With reference to Inspector Nugent and Mr. Glegg, his aid, proceeding to El Paso and San Antonio to survey the border coverage

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Enclosure

I would like answers to above queries propounded by Tolson.

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Mr. Boardman

picture in those offices, in view of the inspection being made by them in Mexico City, they should have a better current background for making this survey than other available Inspectors.

Inspector Nugent mentioned postponing the present border conference until June 5, it having been scheduled originally for May 23 and 24. The Border Conference has been postponed until June 2 and 3.

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RECOMMENDATION: V. P. Keay:LL - May 10, 1955

Attached, for your approval, is a cablegram to the Mexico City Office instructing that Nugent and Glegg review the border coverage in the El Paso and San Antonio Offices on completion of the inspection of the Mexico City Office. Nugent is also being advised of the postponement of the conference regarding border coverage.

ADDENDUM: TRAINING AND INSPECTION DIVISION 5-10-55 EDM:js

Director had already approved Mr. Buys' conducting a full inspection of San Antonio after finishing San Diego in about a week. Rather than have Nugent check border coverage in San Antonio and El Paso and then have Buys come into San Antonio a little later for a full inspection, we propose and Messrs. Keay and Boardman agree that:

1. Nugent be instructed to proceed to San Antonio and conduct a full inspection; proposed cablegram attached.

2. Buys be instructed that upon completing San Diego inspection he proceed to El Paso for a full inspection and thereafter make available to Inspector Nugent his findings as to border coverage in San Diego, Phoenix and El Paso.

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3. Nugent will complete the San Antonio inspection prior to the June 2 border conference. Nugent appear at the border conference and present weaknesses in border coverage and suggestions for improvement covering his inspection of Mexico City and San Antonio and the inspections conducted by Buys of the previously named offices.

4. If the foregoing are approved, this memorandum be returned to Training and Inspection Division so that Buys may be telephonically informed of his new itinerary; the cablegram to Nugent at Mexico City be dispatched.

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~~SECRET~~ AIR COURIER

DATE: May 25, 1955
TO: Legal Attache (100-7430)
Mexico City, Mexico
FROM: Director, FBI (100-356015)
SUBJECT: SEMIANNUAL COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

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Bureau May 2, 1955, captioned as above, in which you set forth the coverage maintained by your office in various localities in the northern part of Mexico. In order that the Bureau can more completely evaluate the coverage maintained by your office through sources and informants in the northern part of Mexico, you should include in your next semiannual informant summary report, which is due in July, 1955, and also in future summary reports, a listing of the sources outlined in your letter of reference together with indications as to the frequency with which they are contacted and the volume of information which they furnish. All of the individuals should also be adequately described so that their value and importance is apparent rather than having them listed merely by name.

In connection with your plan to further extend your coverage and contacts in northern Mexico, you should give concrete consideration to the problem of establishment of informant coverage in Chihuahua City to make sure that you receive pertinent information concerning subversive activities in that area and also that there are facilities through which specific leads can be handled. It is noted that SA John J. Creeden has contacts in that city with the General Manager of the American Smelting and Refining Company plant, who is especially conversant with radical agitation in the miners' union as well as at least six other individuals who are in a position to provide information when contacted or develop information on request. These individuals are not further identified in your letter, and you should make sure that coverage through informants and sources in that city, which is the capital of the State of Chihuahua, is such that it would produce information concerning clandestine subversive activities which might be directed toward the United States.

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A copy of the Legal Attache's letter of reference is being furnished to the Border Offices for their information concerning the coverage maintained by the Bureau's representatives in Mexico, insofar as the northern part of that country is concerned.

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Reurlet May 4, last, furnishing information submitted by [redacted] who is being tested by your office as a potential security informant for possible use in the Nuevo Laredo area.

Your letter of reference was forwarded to the San Antonio Office by letter dated May 18, 1955, for evaluation. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the reply dated May 25, 1955, submitted by the San Antonio Office.

It appears that it might be worth while for you to continue your efforts to develop [] in view of the information which he is furnishing. He will, however, need guidance and direction in order that his efforts can be directed into the most productive channels in order to obtain specific information needed by the Bureau. You should continue to give the development of this potential informant your close observation and guidance and you should submit your suggestions as to the best time and means of turning him over to the San Antonio Office as soon as his development has reached the point that such an arrangement is feasible.

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The San Antonio Office should open an investigative case on each individual listed as a Communist in referenced letter and conduct appropriate investigation to determine his background and activities. If such investigation discloses that the individual is a Communist, the information developed should be submitted in report form suitable for dissemination.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356015)

DATE: May 25, 1955

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-7483)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER Gen. 12PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re Bu Let 5/18/55.

Referenced Bulet included as an enclosure copy of Legat, Mexico letter dated May 4, 1955, reporting the development of [redacted] as a Potential Security Informant for possible use along the Mexican Border in the Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, area. Also included was a report written by the PSI entitled, "REPORT ON COMMUNISM IN NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO," dated April 27, 1955. The following information concerning individuals mentioned in this report as being possible members of the Communist Party of Mexico was obtained through a review of the San Antonio files and through investigation conducted by SA CLARENCE P. GRAHAM at Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, on May 20, 1955:

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HILARIO GOMEZ

This individual is possibly identical with HILARIO GOMEZ (SUAREZ), born November 3, 1908, at San Luis Potosi, Mexico, who, according to DANIEL COBARUBIAS, Manager of the American Bed Company, Nuevo Laredo, is employed at the American Bed Company as a welder. COBARUBIAS states that GOMEZ is the leader of the Sindicato de Trabajadores del American Bed (Union of Employees of the American Bed Company), is very active in both political and labor affairs in Nuevo Laredo, and has been the cause of much labor agitation among the employees in the American Bed Company.

ANTONIO STARCEVIC, American Vice Consul, Nuevo Laredo, reported that GOMEZ's Local Border Crossing Card was lifted by the American Consulate in Nuevo Laredo on June 3, 1952, as a result of reports from three independent sources that GOMEZ was a member of the Communist Party of Mexico in Nuevo Laredo. STARCEVIC added that at that time it was also reported that GOMEZ was a member of the Popular Party in Nuevo Laredo, and that he attended a political rally in Nuevo Laredo on March 29, 1952, which was held in support of VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, then Popular Party candidate for President of Mexico.

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[redacted] Laredo, Texas, advised that he had been in recent contact with a confidential informant who is a self-admitted member of the Communist Party of Mexico in Nuevo Laredo from 1936 to 1940. This source, whom [redacted] states has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that GOMEZ was not a member of the Communist Party during that period of time, but is believed by the source to be a present member of the Communist Party because of his association with the Sindicato de Empleados del American Bed. The source has stated to [redacted] that this Mexican labor union has for many years been Communist infiltrated.

[redacted] advised confidentially that he is at the present time [redacted]. He added that [redacted] admitted current membership in the Popular Party (Partido Popular) in Nuevo Laredo, but denied that this political party was in any way connected with the Communist Party of Mexico, and expressed the belief that VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO was not a Communist. He further denied present or past connections or sympathies with the Communist Party.

JOSE C. DELGADILLO, Gerente del Centro Patronal, who arbitrates labor disputes in Nuevo Laredo, stated belief that GOMEZ was not a member of the Communist Party of Mexico, and based his opinion on recent conversation he had had with GOMEZ at which time GOMEZ had stated that PRIMITIVO FERNANDEZ, Secretary General of the Communist Party of Mexico in Nuevo Laredo, had approached him several times to join the Communist Party, and that he had declined.

In [redacted] report of April 27, 1955, HILARIO GOMEZ was characterized as "one of the principal communists in Nuevo Laredo -- who is an employee of the American Bed Company." Judging from the foregoing, it would appear that [redacted] information is fairly accurate.

JESUS HINOJOSA

This individual was characterized by [redacted] in the above report as being "among the associates of the same political beliefs as HILARIO GOMEZ who has a stand in the market." This is possibly identical with JESUS HINOJOSA (GARCIA) who has been observed by SA CLARENCE P. GRAHAM operating a newsstand in the first stall to the left of the main entrance on the north side of the Mercado Maclovio Herrera on Gutierrez Avenue in Nuevo Laredo.

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JOSE C. DELGADILLO, previously mentioned in this communication, advised SA GRAHAM on May 20, 1955, that it has been reported to him on many occasions in the past by persons whom he considers reliable, that HINOJOSA sells "La Vo~~x~~ De Mexico", a weekly newspaper which is the self-styled organ of the Communist Party of Mexico, at this newsstand. He added that he has personally observed this newspaper on display at this stand in the past, but that he has not seen it recently. A review of the Immigration and Naturalization Service files at Laredo, Texas, disclose a JESUS HINOJOSA (GARCIA) born December 31, 1907, at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, who, as of June 4, 1954, was residing at 2711 Mina Street in Nuevo Laredo, and was married to LEONOR CADENA de HINOJOSA. On June 4, 1954, HINOJOSA was excluded by Board of Special Inquiry at Laredo, Texas, upon his application for admission to the United States for local crossing privileges. This exclusion was based on an [redacted]

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[redacted] in which Hinojosa was alleged to be a Communist sympathizer and a probable member of the Communist Party of Mexico. [redacted] alleged that HINOJOSA's name had appeared on a list of alleged Communist Party of Mexico members which was reported to have been copied from the records of the Communist Party headquarters in Mexico City. At the time of his exclusion, HINOJOSA denied present or past association, connection or knowledge of the Communist Party of Mexico. He further denied selling Communist publications at his newsstand.

It is noted that the above information closely coincides with the information supplied by [redacted] in his report of April 27, 1955.

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AMANDO GUTIERREZ

This individual was characterized by [redacted] on April 27, 1955, as an associate of HILARIO GOMEZ and "an ex-postal employee, now proprietor of the 'Bar Moscu' (Moscow Bar)."

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It is believed that he is identical with AMANDO GUTIERREZ (GALVAN), who according to the records of Immigration & Naturalization Service, Laredo, Texas, was born January 31, 1909, in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico. He was granted local crossing privileges at Laredo, Texas, on February 14, 1941, at which time he showed his occupation as Post Office Clerk in Nuevo Laredo. This card was lifted by the American Consulate in Nuevo Laredo on May 22, 1952, because of his reported Communist activities. He reapplied for permission to enter the United States on December 9, 1954, at which time he presented Mexican Form F.M. 13 No. 288744, showing his address as Canales 2808, Nuevo Laredo, occupation judicial police (State of Tamaulipas). His application was held in

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abeyance pending [REDACTED]

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still a gathering place of members and sympathizers of the Communist Party of Mexico including PRIMITIVO FERNANDEZ, JOSE FERNANDEZ, HILARIO GOMEZ, and ANGEL DIAZ (who delivers La Voz to GUTIERREZ). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] From the above it is considered that the information furnished by [REDACTED] is largely correct concerning AMANDO GUTIERREZ.

PRIMITIVO FERNANDEZ:

[REDACTED] This individual was characterized by [REDACTED] as an associate of HILARIO GOMEZ, "of the same political beliefs -- who is a collection agent for the Quiroga Furniture Store."

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It is believed that he is identical with PRIMITIVO FERNANDEZ (FRESNILLO) presently residing at the corner of Riva Palacios and Peru Streets in Nuevo Laredo who is a collector for the Quiroga Furniture Store (Muebleria Quiroga) located on the corner of Gutierrez and Matamoros Streets in Nuevo Laredo. This has been ascertained through conversation with JOSE C. DELGADILLO on May 20, 1955. It has been previously stated that DELGADILLO characterized FERNANDEZ as the Secretary General of the Communist Party of Mexico in Nuevo Laredo who has succeeded SIMON LOPEZ. This individual, according to WALTER W. OREBAUGH, American Consul, Nuevo Laredo, was born at Thurber, Texas, on November 28, 1951. He renounced his U.S. citizenship under Section 401 (f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1940 on March 20, 1947, before the American Consul at Nuevo Laredo. On March 21, 1947, he was issued a non-resident alien's border crossing card which, as far as is known, he is still using.

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Former [redacted] who is now characterized as a source of known unreliability, has, on numerous occasions in the past, referred to PRIMITIVO FERNANDEZ as the Secretary General of the Communist Party of Mexico in Nuevo Laredo.

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[redacted] Laredo, Texas, advised SA CLARENCE P. GRAHAM on April 1, 1955, that on January 20, 1955, an informant of unknown reliability at that time, but who has since furnished reliable information, stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] leaders of the Communist Party of Mexico in Nuevo Laredo. [redacted] personally contacted PRIMITIVO FERNANDEZ at his residence described by the informant as being next door to 3707 Peru Street in Nuevo Laredo. FERNANDEZ purportedly checked his list of members of the Communist Party in Nuevo Laredo concerning persons of whom the informant was making inquiries. PRIMITIVO FERNANDEZ has a brother, ANICETO FERNANDEZ, who is a member of the Union de Empleados del Comercio en General (Union of Employees of Commerce in General) of Nuevo Laredo. ANICETO's name appeared in the May 6, 1955, issue of LaVoz, on page 4, as the Secretary of the Exterior and a member of the Executive Committee of this union who protested the unconstitutional and antagonistic treatment of revolutionary leaders, including DIONISIO ENCINA, by certain public officials of Mexico, in an open letter to President RUIZ CORTINES which was printed by La Voz.

JOSE PULIDO MALACARA

The indices of the San Antonio office contain no reference of a security nature identifiable with this individual.

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SA CLARENCE P. GRAHAM was unable to identify him as a result of contacts with [REDACTED] JOSE C. DELGADILLO, or DANIEL COBARUBIAS. Continued efforts will be made to identify this individual, and if information is developed concerning him, the Bureau will be advised.

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JOSE FERNANDEZ

A check of the indices of the San Antonio office discloses no recent information possibly identifiable with this individual.

[REDACTED] identified this individual as possibly being JOSE FERNANDEZ, a carpenter, employed by the Longoria Industrias Unidas, and residing at [REDACTED]. This source stated that LUIS FERNANDEZ was an active member of the local Sindicato de Carpenteros suspected by the source as being largely infiltrated by Communists.

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[REDACTED] Laredo, advised on May 20, 1955, that the [REDACTED]

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active member of the CPM (Communist Party of Mexico) in Nuevo Laredo.

JOSE P. GONZALEZ

This individual is probably identical to JOSE P. GONZALEZ (RODRIGUEZ), [REDACTED]. GONZALEZ was appointed Chief of the Uniformed Police in Nuevo Laredo on or about February 1, 1955, by the new Mayor of Nuevo Laredo, Doctor HECTOR GONZALEZ (LUGO). He is presently residing at Galeana 816, Nuevo Laredo. On April 18, 1952, his local border crossing documents were taken from him by the American Consulate, Nuevo Laredo, due to reports of his membership in the Communist Party of Mexico. GONZALEZ was born January 26, 1906 at Mezquital del Oro, Zacatecas, Mexico, according to the files of the American Consulate in Nuevo Laredo. This individual was interviewed by [REDACTED] Laredo, Texas, on April 29, 1955, at which time he admitted membership in the Communist Party of Mexico in Nuevo Laredo, from 1934 to 1943, but denied any current affiliation with the Party.

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[redacted] advised on April 28, 1955, that during about February of that year, he personally observed JOSE P. GONZALEZ having breakfast with DIONISIO ENCINA, Secretary General of the CPM in Mexico City, at the Reforma Hotel in Nuevo Laredo. b7D

On February 14, 1955, Ing. JESUS M. GARCIA, former Mayor of Nuevo Laredo, and presently Diputado (Representative) to the State of Tamaulipas Legislature, advised SA CLARENCE P. GRAHAM of GONZALEZ' appointment to the position of Chief of the Uniformed Police in Nuevo Laredo, and stated the opinion that GONZALEZ was a member of the Communist Party or possibly a Communist sympathizer. He based his opinion on what he considered reliable reports that GONZALEZ was in frequent contact with DIONISIO ENCINA, Secretary General of the Communist Party of Mexico. [redacted] Laredo, advised recent information from an informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past. [redacted] b3 b7D

[redacted] has confidentially advised that at the present time [redacted] b3 b7D

GILBERTO SANCHEZ; FABIAN GOMEZ; RICARDO ROCHA

Efforts to identify the individuals through sources previously mentioned in this communication have been unsuccessful. If information concerning them is developed, the Bureau will be advised.

ANGEL DIAZ

This is possibly identical with ANGEL DIAZ (FRANCO) who has been identified by [redacted] as the individual who delivers LA VOZ to him. DIAZ is a one-eyed carpenter, according to [redacted] with whom he has sat in closed Communist meetings in Nuevo Laredo from 1936 to 1940. [redacted] also reported to [redacted] that DIAZ was observed by him marching in the May 1, 1954, May Day celebration in Nuevo Laredo, carrying a flag with a hammer and sickle. b3 b7D

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DIAZ† local crossing card was lifted by the American Consulate in Nuevo Laredo on April 24, 1952, upon information received from numerous sources that ANGEL DIAZ (FRANCO) was an active member of the Communist Party of Mexico, according to WALTER W. OREBAUGH, American Consul, Nuevo Laredo.

Files of the American Consulate disclose that DIAZ was born August 14, 1903 at Mexico, D. F. He was listed as a carpenter by trade, and at the time he obtained his border crossing card on June 1, 1948, he listed his address as 2707 Gutierrez Avenue, Nuevo Laredo.

JUVENAL BOONE-FLORES, BENITO LOPEZ-RAMOS and LORENZO LUNA-CURIEL have long been known to the San Antonio office as members of the Nuevo Laredo Public School System and connected with the Professor group of the Communists in Nuevo Laredo. JUVENAL BOONE-FLORES was born November 5, 1902, at Chihuahua, Mexico, and is presently the head of the Escuela Secundaria in Nuevo Laredo. He has been connected with Nuevo Laredo Public Schools since 1949, and has, on numerous occasions, been named as one of the principal Communist leaders among the intellectual group in Nuevo Laredo.

BENITO LOPEZ-RAMOS has been identified as a teacher at the Escuela Secundaria, and the brother of HORACIO LOPEZ, former leader of the CPM in Nuevo Laredo. He was born May 23, 1916, at Melchor Ocampo, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. A review of the files of I & NS discloses that he has no current border crossing privileges. The American Consulate, Nuevo Laredo, denied him admission October 14, 1952, because of reported Communist activities. LORENZO LUNA-CURIEL, born September 18, 1916, at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, had his border crossing card lifted by the American Consulate in Nuevo Laredo on May 22, 1952. He reapplied for permission to enter the United States at Laredo, Texas, on February 21, 1955, at which time he gave his address as 2216 Venezuela Street, Nuevo Laredo. He admitted having supported the candidacy of VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO for President in 1952 and said that he was in sympathy with his ideals, but denied being a member of any of the political parties supporting TOLEDANO. LUNA-CURIEL was excluded by I & NS at that time because of reported activities and connections with the Communist Party of Mexico.

RICARDO TREVINO GOMEZ

A review of the files of the American Consulate, Nuevo Laredo, discloses that RICARDO TREVINO (GOMEZ), born February 9, 1904, at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, had his Border Crossing Card lifted by the American Consulate in Nuevo Laredo on June 2, 1952.

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At this time he was residing at Dr. Mier and Riva Palacio Streets, Nuevo Laredo, and indicated profession of engineer, and previous occupation of school teacher in Nuevo Laredo.

[redacted] has advised that through inquiries made by him among persons previously affiliated with the Communist Party in Nuevo Laredo, he has not been able to verify TREVINO's membership in the Communist Party, other than it is public gossip that he is because of the American Consul's action in lifting his border crossing card. b3

WALTER W. OREBAUGH, American Consul, Nuevo Laredo, advised that at the time TREVINO's card was lifted by the American Consul in 1952, he vehemently denied he was or ever was a member of the Communist Party or that he was a Communist sympathizer. He stated that he was a strong supporter of democratic principles. He admitted that he had been a close associate of JUAN DE DIOS HINOJOSA who OREBAUGH stated also had his card lifted by the American Consul at that time for Communist activities, and who is now the State of Tamaulipas Tax Collector in Matamoros. At the time of interview, TREVINO stated that he knew that there were Communists among the teachers in Nuevo Laredo when he was a member of the Nuevo Laredo school system for several years prior to 1942, but he refused to name them on the grounds that they had been forced to become members of the Party at that time due to the Leftist influence in the National Regime at that time.

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WALTER W. OREBAUGH advised that this individual's local border crossing privileges were also lifted in 1952 by the American Consulate due to reports that ZARATE, an attorney in Nuevo Laredo, has been known to represent Communist dominated labor unions in Nuevo Laredo in labor disputes, and is believed to be a Communist sympathizer, and also a possible member of the Communist Party. [redacted] reported that as a result of a canvass of informants, who have admitted past membership in the Communist Party of Mexico, this canvass has failed to disclose information that this individual has ever been an actual member of the Communist Party in Nuevo Laredo. b3

From all of the above, it is believed that the report of [redacted] dated April 27, 1955, can be considered fairly accurate, and it is recommended that he be continued to be developed by the Legat Mexico as a Potential Security Informant for possible use in the Nuevo Laredo area. b7D

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Due to the highly confidential nature of the information contained in this communication, it is requested that extreme caution should be used in the dissemination of any of the information contained herein outside of the Bureau. Should it become necessary to do so, all information should be paraphrased and sources covered by appropriate informant symbols.

Two additional copies of this communication are being forwarded to the Bureau for information of the Legat, Mexico.

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~~SECRET-AIR~~ COURIER

Date: June 10, 1955
To: Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico
From: Director, FBI
Subject: [REDACTED]
COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

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Reurlet 4-25-55 setting forth information concerning the individuals you have been endeavoring to develop as possible informants in the Nuevo Laredo area who could be turned over to the San Antonio Office. You will recall that [REDACTED] was one of those individuals.

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Enclosed herewith is a copy of a self-explanatory letter dated 5-31-55 which has been received from the San Antonio Office. You will note that [REDACTED] has been known to the San Antonio Office for some time but that contacts with him were not previously reactivated because of information received that he was talkative, indiscreet and had been heard to state that he had connections with a Government agency in the United States. It is also noted that the [REDACTED] is presently endeavoring to develop [REDACTED] as a security informant.

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The above is submitted for your information. Further efforts to develop [REDACTED] as an informant through [REDACTED] should be discontinued.

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The San Antonio Office should likewise make no further efforts to develop [REDACTED] as an informant in connection with this program.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-36015)

DATE: 5/31/55

FROM: *gzw*
032 SAC, SAN ANTONIO []

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SUBJECT: []

COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER*Gen'l*
ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON DESK MAIL*4/24*
Reference Legat, Mexico, letter to Bureau dated April 25, 1955, and Bureau letter to San Antonio dated May 13, 1955.

Referenced letters mentioned the possible use of [] in connection with the Border Coverage of Communist Activities at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico. This individual is believed identical with [] Nuevo Laredo, who, as subject of [] was being developed by Special Agent LEWIS C. TAYLOR as a Potential Security Informant and later by Special Agent CLARENCE P. GRAHAM as a Potential Criminal Informant until July 22, 1953. At this time he was dropped due to the fact that he had been let out from the [] because of a change of administration, and [] expressed reluctance to conduct investigations without credentials. He later contacted Special Agent CLARENCE P. GRAHAM advising that he had obtained [] and stated a desire to continue working. He was not reactivated at that time because of information supplied by [] who had been closely associated with [] during his employment with the [] that [] was talkative, indiscreet and had been overheard to tell that he had connections with a government agency in the United States.

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Special Agent CLARENCE P. GRAHAM has knowledge that [] is being developed at the present time as an [] at Nuevo Laredo. [] Laredo, has indicated that [] has furnished information of some value concerning membership of the Communist Party in Nuevo Laredo, but it is, in general, information which is already public knowledge. Also, that he has been of particular value to [] in that he regularly furnishes them with copies of LA VOZ DE MEXICO, the self-styled Communist Organ published weekly in Mexico City.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. N. L. FERRIS

DATE: June 13, 1955

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: THIRTY-DAY ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTS BY FIELD
IN CONNECTION WITH BORDER COVERAGE PROGRAM

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It is Mr. Belmont's desire that the domestic border coverage offices submit 30-day accomplishment reports and that copies of these accomplishment reports be sent to the Legal Attache in Mexico City on a continuing basis. You will please see that this is done.

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1-Mr. Roach
1-Mr. Ferris
1-Liaison Section Tickler

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *W*

DATE: May 31, 1955

FROM : R. T. Harbo *RT*SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

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SYNOPSIS:

Background: This program of Communist coverage along the Mexican border began in 1948. Knowledge of the program was restricted to those persons specifically necessary to implement it at the beginning. We have not advised [] and INS of this program. The program is now restricted on a need-to-know basis and has been handled by five domestic offices, viz. San Diego, Phoenix, Albuquerque, El Paso, and San Antonio. There is correlation among these offices and the Mexico City office which is supervised by the SAC's in each of the domestic offices and the Legal Attache in Mexico City. b3

Aims of the Program: Chief aims of this program when initiated were for the purpose of keeping the Bureau cognizant and fully advised of the identity of Communists and Communist groups in Mexico adjacent to the United States border. Further aims were: any Communist action against the United States; passing intelligence data across the border; concentration of Communist membership in some particular area; escape routes and plans for Communists in the United States, and data concerning possible border crossings of Soviet or Communist agents into the United States.

Informant Coverage Along the Mexican Border and Communist Party Membership: As of 5-15-55 we had eleven security informants and thirteen potential security informants in that portion of Mexico immediately adjacent to the United States border.

The Director has specifically pointed out the inadequacies and incompleteness of border coverage in regard to informants. The following chart reflects the number of domestic informants which includes the number of border coverage informants, each of which are tabulated separately. The Communist Party membership in the states affected is also set out. The number of Agents assigned to this program is shown.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Ferris
 Mr. Buys
 Mr. Nugent

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<u>INFORMANT COVERAGE 5-15-55</u>						<u>DOMESTIC</u>		
Office	<u>BORDER COVERAGE</u>			<u>TOTAL FIELD</u>		Comm. Members in Area 4-1-55	# Agts. Assigned Part-time With Cover Assignments	U. S. Consulates location in Mexico
	<u>Inft.</u>	<u>PI *</u>	<u>*Conf. S.</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Sec. Cvg.</u>			
San Diego	6	3	4	22	17	139	3	Tijuana Mexicali
Phoenix	2	2	-	7	7	39		Nogales
El Paso	1	4	3	6	8	6	2	Juarez
Albuquerque	1	-	1	11	4	21	1	None (agricultural colonies no towns of any size)
San Antonio	1	4	8	8	7	23	3	Piedras Negras Nuevo Laredo Matamoros
TOTALS	11	13	16	54	43	228	9	7

Total informants in Mexico City Office - 44

* POTENTIAL SECURITY INFORMANT

* CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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Communist membership in Mexico has been listed by the Office of Intelligence Research of the State Department as of February, 1955, in the amount of 5,000. Membership claimed by the Party in 1954 was 15,000. On 5-1-53 there were 1,500 dues-paying members in the Communist Party of which one-half of the membership lived in Mexico City according to this publication. The Popular Party of Mexico is headed by Vicente Lombardo Toledano. He has been identified as a Communist leader and this Party had an alleged membership in 1947 of 30,000 with a following of 200,000 individuals. Toledano is also a controlling force in the Latin-American Federation of Labor which is Communist.

Supervision: Supervision at the SOG has been handled by the Foreign Liaison Desk under Supervisor in Charge, Nathan L. Ferris, Domestic Intelligence Division. Supervision in the border offices has been by the SAC's. Mexico City is supervised by the Legal Attache.

Inspection Findings: Inspections have been completed of Phoenix, San Diego and Mexico City and are in progress in El Paso and San Antonio. All of these inspections have revealed that the development of informants on the Mexican side of the border has been a part-time program. Inspector Nugent states in order to have well-placed informants who are in a position to report on plans and activities of subversive groups along the border that consideration should be given to the following:

1. Establishment of Special Agents in each of the border consulates acting in the guise of Visa Control officers. There are seven U. S. Consulates situated along the Mexico-U.S. border located at: Tijuana, Mexicali, Nogales, Ciudad Juarez, Piedras Negras, Nuevo Laredo, and Matamoros.
2. Inspector Nugent points out the following advantages: Spanish-speaking Agents acting as Consular officers, specializing in Visa work would provide an excellent cover. It would permit a legitimate reason for contacting local authorities about Communists and Communism. It would not require crossing back and forth across the border each day. These Consular Agents would become familiar with local activities more promptly. They would be associated with local residents, know local problems and because of their "cover" would not meet the normal opposition encountered by FBI Agents in Mexico.

Disadvantages stated by Inspector Nugent: It would be necessary to clear these men with the State Department. They would of necessity have to devote their time to activities of

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interest to the Consulate. Communist activities in the border area appear insufficient to fully occupy the time of these men and these Agents would be unproductive for certain periods of time. Inspector Nugent recommended as follows:

That an on-the-scene coordinator, under Assistant Director Belmont, be set up to coordinate this program on both sides of the Mexican border, including the five border offices and Mexico City. All Agents selected as Consular officers should be single, have SIS experience in Latin America, be fully bilingual and well suited to development of informants. Due to insecurity of Mexican mails and telephone communications, these "Consular" Agents would have Post Office boxes to receive mail on the American side of the border and any necessary contact with them would be arranged through the Agent in Charge of the adjacent border office. Coordination through Mexico City would be undesirable because of security reasons concerning mails and telephones as noted. Inspector Nugent states further that SAC Werner, San Antonio, agrees with such program as advanced by Nugent and if the full program could not be implemented by placing Agents in the seven border Consular offices that they be placed in these Consular offices in this order:

1. Tijuana, 2. Juarez, 3. Nuevo Laredo, 4. Nogales, 5. Matamoros, 6. Mexicali, and 7. Piedras Negras.

The second alternative plan considered to implement this program would be to assign full time one Agent in each of four border offices, namely: San Diego, Phoenix, El Paso, and San Antonio. No Mexican towns are adjacent to the Albuquerque territory. With no additional assignments except matters of developing border informants, these Agents would work under a coordinator, as above, who in turn would be under the supervision of Mr. Belmont, and working in conjunction with the supervisory desk handling Mexican matters. The coordinator should be familiar with the problems inherent in this program and would coordinate work in the five border offices and the Mexico City office.

The third plan would be to continue to supervise the program through SACs but with added emphasis in consideration of the recommendations outlined heretofore, as a means of strengthening operations.

R. T. Harbo to Mr. Tolson

CONCLUSIONS:

The Foreign Liaison Desk has been consulted concerning the possibility of placing individuals in the American Consulates along the Mexican border. It is considered by that Desk that both the State Department and the Mexican government would approve the assignment of Agents to the Consulates. However, Visa Control officers are required to issue visas and normally are approved by Congress to act in such capacity. If Agents are assigned to the Consulates they could possibly act as special assistant to the Consulate and could be issued a special passport showing official status. It would appear the assignment of seven Agents to the Consulates along the Mexican border would possibly result in unusual curiosity on the part of [] and INS as to our reasons for assigning these men. We could not control completely within the Bureau, details concerning our interest in this program.

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The assignment of a coordinator to handle the program is believed desirable. This coordinator should be experienced on this program and Inspector Nugent has suggested consideration be given to the assignment of SAC J. F. Santoiana inasmuch as Santoiana was cognizant and handled this program effectively while SAC at San Diego. He is also qualified from a language standpoint and could make any necessary travel for purposes of coordination in Mexico without arousing suspicion. Any coordinator with similar qualities would suffice. Coordinator's duties would be to confer with SAC's and Agents and advise them concerning the necessary procedures to fully correct deficiencies in this program.

It is believed that any program developed should be continued for six-month period at which time a thorough evaluation of the results of the program should be made to determine whether it should be continued, reduced in scope or modified.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Permit designation of reliable individuals as security informants although they have a criminal record. Same regulations should not apply to border informants as to domestic security informants as it is unlikely that border informants would ever be called upon to testify. Inspector noted Mexican border towns have many criminal types residing there.

2. Circularize all field offices to determine whether they have Spanish-speaking security informants who would be willing to visit or spend a temporary period in the Mexican border area in order to advise us of any significant Communist activity there.

3. Circularize all field offices and request they contact security informants and thereafter regularly furnish information to the Bureau concerning all Mexican border crossing plans known to the informants in the various offices. Informant coverage about Mexican border crossing matters might be developed in New York, Chicago, Seattle, or any other office as well as from informants in the Mexican border area. In the event the Communist Party has any Mexican border crossing plans it is reasonable to assume our domestic security informants might learn of these.

4. Consider relocating a security informant who is a Communist Party member in a Mexican border town as a "sleeper" Agent. This would require a re-evaluation of this individual as an informant because in the "sleeper" agent capacity he might be productive for extended periods. Consider placing this "sleeper" agent in Juarez or Nogales.

5. Consider development of friendly Mexican police officers as contacts in connection with Communist activity.

6. As an aid in detecting the gaps in Mexican border coverage recommend each field office chart the roads which cross or parallel the Mexican border along with INS check points. This will pinpoint the needs for intensified effort to develop informant coverage.

7. Insure that adequate attention is devoted to developing sources of information and informants in towns wherein INS has check points. This would insure that we would receive information concerning legalized border crossings.

8. Consider development of local Mexican police officers as confidential sources in order that they could be notified and could be of assistance if roadblocks were necessary.

9. Develop adequate sources in an effort to insure that the Bureau would become aware of persons who legally cross the border who might be engaged in Communist activity.

10. Consider development of confidential sources, and possibly through them security informants, from interviews with selected American Consular officials along the Mexican border, selected American businessmen, reliable Union leaders, and established criminal informants. All of these groups should be selected from the Mexican border area.

11. Consider review of INS records where we have close contact with INS representatives in an effort to develop information as to the identity of persons whose border crossing cards may have been lifted because of any alleged subversive activities.

12. Assistant Director Belmont will handle the Mexican border coverage conference on June 2 and 3, 1955. Three alternate plans to implement this program and produce effective informant coverage immediately are set out hereinafter. It is recommended that Assistant Director Belmont discuss the merit of each of these 3 programs at this conference and thereafter make a definite recommendation as to the plan to be placed into effect.

Plan #1: Designate an on-the-scene coordinator directly responsible to Belmont, Domestic Intelligence Division, to coordinate border informant coverage on both sides of the border. This coordinator would be working in conjunction with the supervisory desk presently handling Mexican matters. Assign one Agent to each of the 7 American Consular offices inside the Mexican border. Trial period 6 months.

Plan #2: Designate coordinator (as above) and assign one full-time Agent to each of the following border offices to implement this program: San Diego, Phoenix, El Paso, San Antonio. Trial period 6 months. (Inspections in San Diego and Phoenix show those offices have sufficient personnel. Inspection at El Paso indicates need for 1 additional Agent to implement this recommendation. San Antonio inspection still in progress.)

*Presented to Mr. Tolson
Instructions I advised
Mr. Belmont not to discuss
Rec # 12 at the conf. at El Paso,
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Plan #3: Continue to supervise program through SACs but with added emphasis in consideration of the 11 earlier recommendations in this memorandum as a means of strengthening operations.

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we will consider these recommendations at the Conference. Some we are already doing, some do not seem desirable. We will comment on them after the Conference.
Belmont. JH

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MR. N. L. FERRIS

June 13, 1955

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REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT JENCO

MARCH 10, 1955

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During the El Paso Border Coverage Conference, June 2-3, 1955, Legal Attache Speakes stated that Agent Genco of the Mexico City Office had submitted a report under the Sodac caption dated March 10, 1955, and that he felt it may be of interest to the border offices in conjunction with the border coverage program. Mr. Belmont informed the conference that copies of this particular report would be sent to the border offices and that they should receive subsequent copies as submitted by the Mexico City Office. You will please see that notification is given to the Espionage Section for appropriate handling of this.

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- 1-Mr. Roach
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *JBa*DATE: June 10,
1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE CONFERENCE

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In my memorandum of June 6, 1955, reporting the Mexican Border Coverage Conference at El Paso, I stated a memorandum would be submitted regarding Immigration and Naturalization activities along the border and that individual memorandums would be prepared as to each border office, with a letter to the office to be attached. Mr. Tolson instructed that "if not previously done, each SAC should be written regarding failures in this program."

A memorandum concerning INS activities was sent up on the afternoon of June 9.

Attached is a memorandum concerning the San Diego Division. I was unable to read this memorandum on the afternoon of June 9 and therefore took it home with me. I regret I was not able to get it up on June 9.

The remaining offices are being handled individually by Mr. Roach, who was at the conference in El Paso with me. We are sending them through as rapidly as we are able. Mr. Roach is also in charge of our War Plans for the coming week and this has held him up. We will get the memorandums and letters out as quickly as possible.

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cc--Mr. Boardman
 cc--Mr. Holloman
 cc--Mr. Belmont
 cc--Mr. Roach

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June 16, 1955

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COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE
MEXICAN BORDER

Gen'l

You will recall that during the Border Coverage Conference held in El Paso on June 2 through 3, 1955, SA Frederick A. Johns of your office inquired concerning instructions contained in Bulet of 1-9-51 to El Paso with a copy to the San Diego and Phoenix Offices in instant matter. A copy of Bulet of 1-9-51 was made available to Seat of Government representatives, which copy is being returned herewith to your office.

In this connection, you are referred to Bulet of 1-20-54 to El Paso with copies to all border offices and the Legal Attache, Mexico City. The instructions contained in Bulet of 1-20-54 superseded the instructions contained in enclosed Bulet of 1-9-51. In Bulet of 1-20-54, you were informed that previously reports prepared by the border offices on the Communist Party of Mexico had not been disseminated. Dissemination was made, however, on a memorandum basis at the Seat of Government to interested agencies, which memoranda contained pertinent information developed regarding the activities of the Communist Party of Mexico. In that letter you were instructed that future reports prepared by the border offices on the CP of Mexico would be disseminated at the Seat of Government to other interested agencies and corresponding dissemination should be made on a local level by the border offices to the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service or other appropriate Government agencies. (100-356015-578)

The above instructions also apply to reports prepared on individuals who have been identified as members of the CP of Mexico and on whom reports are prepared. In this connection, and in accordance with Bureau instructions, individual case files should be opened on the leading or the more important members of the CP of Mexico as they are identified by your office and reports prepared by your office should be disseminated on a local level to INS and other interested Government agencies.

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You are instructed to take appropriate steps to insure that

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Letter to SAC, El Paso

all agents presently working on the Border Coverage Program are acquainted with the instructions contained in Bulet of 1-20-54, as well as in this letter.

Each SAC receiving a copy of this letter is being held personally responsible for making certain that the agents assigned to the Border Coverage Program thoroughly understand the provisions of this letter and Bulet of 1-20-54, and that all reports prepared by them are suitable for dissemination and that appropriate dissemination is made in every instance.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]
COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

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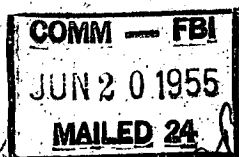
Enclosed herewith is a copy of a self-explanatory letter which has been received from the Legal Attache in Mexico City. You will recall that the matter of having your office handle [REDACTED] to make investigations for you in Mexicali and other parts of the State of Baja California was discussed at the June 2-3 Border Coverage Conference. Inasmuch as you have previously advised that you believe this informant can be satisfactorily handled by your office and since the Legal Attache feels that the informant would be handled best from San Diego, authorization is given for you to utilize his services as an investigative informant. In taking over control of [REDACTED] your attention is directed to the letter dated 4/22/55 from the Legal Attache, Mexico, a copy of which was furnished you with your copy of the Bureau's letter to the Legal Attache on 5/10/55. In the Legal Attache's letter of 4/22/55 it was pointed out that every effort had been made by the Legal Attache's office to indoctrinate the informant against any indiscreet disclosures. Such indoctrination, however, had not brought the FBI into the picture, since insofar as the informant was concerned he had been in contact with an office of the American Embassy in Mexico City. In taking over this informant, you must make sure that he does not consider himself to be an employee of the FBI.

Adequate planning must be given to the handling of this informant by your office and proper control of him must be established and maintained. The Agent to whom the informant is assigned should be sufficiently close to him to detect any indication of instability or unreliability or any possible outcropping of these characteristics. Any indication of instability or unreliability on the informant's part should be brought to the Bureau's attention immediately together with advice concerning steps being taken to control him and to avoid future embarrassment. At such a time you should also submit your recommendations as to future contacts with him.

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] is an investigative informant who was utilized by the Bureau representatives in Mexico from June, 1953, to August, 1954, when his services were discontinued due to his transfer away from Mexico City. In February, 1955, he was reactivated as an informant for the Legal Attache's office, but since the informant now resides in Mexicali, it is preferable that he be handled by one of the Border offices.

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON
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From: Legat, Mexico [redacted]

Subject: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]
(MEXICO CITY OFFICE) COMMUNIST
COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

Reference Bulet of May 25 last. *Gen'l*

During the recent office inspection the situation of [redacted] was made a matter of discussion between Bureau Inspector JAMES E. NUGENT and SA MALCOLM M. RINK and Legal Attache JOHN N. SPEAKES. It was felt that [redacted] would probably best be administered from San Diego due to the fact that he would be reporting on border matters and he is physically accessible to San Diego. It is the Legal Attache's understanding that Inspector NUGENT is recommending to the Bureau that [redacted] be turned over to the San Diego Office and in this recommendation the Legal Attache is in complete accord.

Upon receipt of Bureau authorization steps will be taken to arrange the details for the turning over of the informant.

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COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
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A review has been made of the analysis of the border coverage maintained by your office as it was presented at the June 2-3, 1955, Border Coverage Conference. That analysis indicates that although your office is making progress, developing 6 security informants, 7 potential security informants, and 4 confidential sources, there is still need for improvement in your coverage. It is imperative that adequate coverage be increased in Tijuana, Mexicali, and Ensenada and that it be extended in the other areas. In this connection it is necessary that more informants be infiltrated into the Mexican Communist Party.

It is necessary that this program be stepped up generally in your office. The Bureau expects you to establish more effective coverage which requires the development of more and better security informants who are in a position to keep your office informed of all pertinent current developments both from within the Mexican Communist Party and the clandestine Communist movement. Particular attention must be given to coverage of the activities of Dr. Julio Prado-Valdez, in view of the information developed showing that he is connected with the Soviet intelligence operation which is directed against the United States. [redacted] has revealed [redacted]

[redacted] by Prado-Valdez and your coverage of Prado-Valdez's activities must be designed to [redacted] by him.

It is noted that you advised that your office was not being hampered in establishing the desired coverage by any restrictions which the Bureau has had to impose on this program and that you can give the program the coverage required by the Bureau without increased Agent personnel. You agreed, however, that Special Agents Arnold B. Orrantio and Sheldon Parks would devote 100% of their time to this program and that Special Agent Arnold Dolde, who operates out of the Resident Agent at El Centro, would devote approximately 50% of his time to the program. You should also use to the maximum extent any investigative-type informant turned over to you by the Legal Attache's Office in extending your informant coverage in Mexico.

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Cover memo Roach to Belmont, dated 6/9/55
ADMINISTRATION OF MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE
THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION RRR:lw

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Letter to SAC, San Diego

Your attention is specifically directed to the fact that to make the border coverage program successful you must keep up a high degree of interest, give it better supervision, and permit the Agents to put in more man hours than they have in the past. Furthermore, the Agents handling this program as well as those who are connected with it in a supervisory capacity must have a proper knowledge of the objectives, aims, and purposes of the program. It is noted that during the conference you advised that you understood the problem facing the Bureau in connection with the border coverage program and you would see to it that it was given the attention it deserves. The Bureau will insist on your compliance.

You must also make certain that your office appropriately disseminates to the other border offices all of the information of interest or needed by those offices so that they can handle their responsibilities by the border coverage program. You must also furnish the Bureau sufficient copies of such items so that appropriate dissemination can also be made to the Legal Attache's office in Mexico City.

You must give this program vigorous supervision and continuous attention. It is not to be considered a matter which can be followed closely at one time and then abandoned. The program is a continuing one and it must be given continuing attention. Your monthly progress reports will be analyzed very carefully at the Bureau to ascertain the progress you are making in establishing effective coverage and the results you obtain which are indicative of the time and attention being devoted to this program.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 6, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE CONFERENCE
JUNE 2 and 3, 1955
EL PASO, TEXAS
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Communist Coverage Along the Mexican Border

The Border Coverage Conference was held at El Paso as scheduled on June 2 and 3, 1955. Attached is a list of Bureau personnel who attended.

The conference was opened by Belmont outlining the background, aims, and purposes of the program, the imperative necessity for aggressive handling, the need for close supervision and field direction to make the program active and productive, and the Director's vital concern over inadequate implementation of the program up to now. The conference was told that definite objectives would be set during the conference and must be met without fail.

Thereafter each office was required to set forth in detail the progress, or lack of progress, it had made since the last conference in January, 1955. The offices were told we wanted cold, hard facts during their presentation and not excuses. It became very apparent that inadequate progress had been made.

Inspector Nugent then briefed the conference as to the inadequacies discovered during the inspection of the border offices and the Legal Attache's Office in Mexico as it pertained to this program. This again spotlighted failure to properly implement this program.

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The objectives of the program were then analyzed. It was pointed out in detail why Mexico and the Mexican border presents a security danger to the United States and that this program is devised to afford the FBI advance notice of subversive activities or plans which would pose a threat to the internal security of the United States. We stressed that the program is double-barreled. First, it is essential that we have intelligence coverage in the interior of Mexico which will alert us to the potential threat of subversive individuals, groups, and

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organizations, as well as Soviet and satellite activities against the United States. Second, we must have intelligence coverage along the Mexican border for the same purpose and in addition, to report to us any unusual activities which we should explore as a possible security threat to this country.

We at first explored coverage in the interior of Mexico. It was apparent that the Legal Attache and his staff have effected strong coverage within Mexico within the limitations of personnel and basiss for our operations in Mexico. Further, the Legal Attache has taken an aggressive approach to this problem and is attempting to expand his coverage constantly. Since the last conference in January he has developed or reactivated certain informants who have been turned over to the border offices for handling. In addition, he has sent informants along border areas from the Mexican side on road trips to explore and report possible subversive activities and to select potential sources and informants who can be used by the border offices. Speakes and his associates showed a clear understanding of this problem and it is our feeling they will continue to attack it aggressively.

As to coverage along the border, each SAC was required to come before the conference and a careful analysis was made of the portion of the border chargeable to his office. We went into the geography and terrain; the number of official crossing points at the border; the population as located in each town or city along the border; the potential for subversive activity in each segment of the border; and the political make-up governing the various Mexican states along the border. We then analyzed exactly what coverage each SAC had in each area and each town and likewise analyzed the percentage of time each Agent assigned to the program had put in on the program.

This analysis as applied to each office again clearly pinpointed the inadequacies of coverage. Each SAC was required to specify exactly how he was going to develop informants, confidential sources, and sources of information in each town and area under his jurisdiction and was required to commit himself to relieving the Agents of work outside of this program except for such few cases as would be needed for cover purposes.

In the State of Sonora informant [redacted] and has men working throughout the state. [redacted] is also known to the Phoenix Office through law enforcement conferences. The Legal Attache was instructed to arrange with [redacted] for early contact with SAC Crosby for the purpose of establishing coverage from the Mexican side of the border by which [redacted] can inform

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the Phoenix Office of subversive groups and individuals along the border and can provide information which will assist Phoenix in setting up additional coverage. The Legal Attache advised that [redacted] in the State of Chihuahua is friendly and appears reliable and experienced in security matters. SA Creeden, stationed at Monterrey, was instructed to contact this [redacted] to explore the possibility of an arrangement with the San Antonio Office similar to the arrangement being made in Sonora. b7D

We went over in detail the exchange of information between the border offices and the Legal Attache and set up specific instructions that all information of possible interest to the border offices or the Legal Attache must be exchanged, including investigative reports, the monthly progress reports on this program, and a monthly digest of intelligence information to be prepared by the Legal Attache for the benefit of the Bureau and the border offices.

A full discussion was had of the activities of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) along the border and of the statements made by General Swing. A separate memorandum is being submitted as to this. The offices all stated that cooperation was excellent on a local level. They indicated that INS is making a definite effort to secure additional informants.

OBSERVATIONS:

This conference was used to drive home the extreme importance of this program, the Director's displeasure at the poor implementation to date, to analyze what is necessary and how to go about it, and to unmistakably impress on the conference that this job must be done thoroughly and promptly and no excuses will be accepted.

No requests for personnel were made, other than that set out below. In fact, the conference was specifically asked whether the Bureau had restrictions on this program which were hampering the Agents and the reply was negative.

The information resulting from the pinpointing of this program through analysis of the problems of each office and the Legal Attache reflects that there is relatively little population along the Mexican side of the border, except in cities such as Mexicali, Nogales, Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, and Matamoros. There are other small towns but relatively few in number over the approximate 2,000 miles of the Mexican border. There are long stretches of hundreds of miles wherein there is nothing but desert or mountains and no habitation. Except in certain towns such as Mexicali, Ciudad Juarez, etc., there is no indication

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of subversive activity. Our problem, therefore, must be approached from the standpoint of intelligence coverage which will alert us to subversive activity wherever it may arise along the border. In so doing we must have strong informant coverage in those towns where there is subversive activity and strong coverage through sources of information in those areas and towns where subversive activity is not evident. These sources will alert us to any unusual activities or indication of subversive activities which we will then investigate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. El Paso needs two additional Spanish-speaking Agents. They have requested these Agents and the Administrative Division is considering the request. I recommend they be sent immediately. They should be men who really speak Spanish and who are experienced in security work.

This has been approved

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2. SAC Bryce of Albuquerque stated that he had a request in for a Resident Agent at Deming, New Mexico, thirty miles north of the border. He states he will use this man to supplement SA Greathouse on this program. This Agent will spend 80 percent of his time for 60 days making contacts with ranchers on the American side of the border and contacts in Mexico at the town of Las Palomas, after which he will carry a case load as Resident Agent and work 50 percent of his time on the border coverage program. I recommend a Spanish-speaking Agent be made available to Bryce.

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3. A separate memorandum is being prepared as to each border office and the Legal Attache's Office in Mexico City. We will

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attach a letter to each border office and the Legal Attache as follow-ups to the conference and pinpointing instructions where necessary.

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4. The offices are being required to submit a monthly progress report on this program. You will be advised each month as to the progress being made.

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OK.
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BORDER COVERAGE CONFERENCE
EL PASO, TEXAS
JUNE 2-3, 1955
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San Antonio.....SAC S. J. Werner
SA William E. Oglesby (Del Rio)
SA Clay Zachry (Brownsville)
SA Clarence Graham (Laredo)
SA Luther Dunn (Security Coordinator)

El Paso.....SAC R. L. Murphy
ASAC E. F. Emrich*
SA Frederick Johns
SA C. Lawrence Rice
SA David A. Barclay

Albuquerque.....SAC D. A. Bryce
SA Herbert Greathouse

Phoenix.....SAC F. E. Crosby
SA Walter C. Rogers (Phoenix)
SA Robert Moody (Yuma)

San Diego.....SAC H. G. Maynor
SA Arnold Orrantia (San Diego)
SA Sheldon Parks (San Diego)
SA Arnold Dolde (El Centro)

Mexico City....Legal Attache John Speakes
SA John Creeden (Monterrey)
SA Malcolm Rink

Seat of
Government...Assistant Director A. H. Belmont
Section Chief R. R. Roach
Inspector J. E. Nugent*

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Date: June 13, 1955
To: Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico

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From: Director, FBI

Subject: ⁽¹⁾ COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER - 6.1

The Bureau has reviewed the analysis made at the June 2-3, 1955, Border Coverage Conference of the coverage maintained by your office in the northern part of Mexico and the assistance which you are able to render the border offices on this program. It is noted that since the January, 1955, conference your office has developed and reactivated informants who have been, or are in the process of being, turned over to the border offices for utilization as "investigative informants" to increase coverage in the areas adjacent to the United States. Informants operated by your office have also been sent on road trips along the border areas to explore and report possible subversive activities and to select potential sources and informants who can be used by the border offices. It appears that your office has been able to render very definite assistance to the border offices on this matter and the Bureau has been pleased to note the positive efforts which you have made to render assistance on this program. You should continue to aggressively promote this program, further intensifying your coverage in the northern part of Mexico and through the channels available to you, assisting the border offices in locating potential security informants in the border area.

With regard to the possibility of establishing additional Resident Agents in the American Consulate at Nogales, Sonora, and in Hermosillo and Chihuahua City utilizing other covers, you should submit promptly your analysis and recommendations for such an arrangement. At that time you should furnish your comments as to the coverage which

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(Cover memorandum Roach to Belmont, 6/11/55, RRR:lw re Assistance to the Mexican Border Coverage Program by the Legal Attache, Mexico City)

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Letter to Legal Attache, Mexico City

such assignments would give your office in northern Mexico, as well as the feasibility of the assignments themselves and the possibility of their being handled by your office.

You should also make certain that you furnish the Bureau sufficient copies of all reports and write-ups on individuals and organizations which would be of interest to the border offices so that appropriate dissemination can be made to those offices by the Bureau. Furthermore, when you send informants into an area of interest to a domestic border office or you develop informants, potential security informants, or sources in an area, the coverage of which could be of assistance to the border offices, you should appropriately advise the Bureau so that the interested offices can be notified for their information and for such use as they can make of that information.

In the future you are also to prepare by the fifteenth of each month a monthly intelligence summary covering current political activities and developments in Mexico which would be of interest to the border offices in evaluating the information they develop locally and in orienting their investigations. Those intelligence summaries should be furnished to the Bureau with sufficient copies for each border office. It is not intended that those summaries, which will be largely political in nature, will be disseminated outside of the Bureau. You should, therefore, make sure that any pertinent information developed by your office which should be disseminated to other agencies is submitted to the Bureau separately in appropriate form for such outside dissemination.

As you are aware, the border coverage program is a continuing project and not one which is to be stepped up today and neglected tomorrow. You should, therefore, give continuing attention to the means and methods through which you can best assist the border offices in not only establishing and maintaining coverage, but also in keeping abreast of current developments in Mexico which would affect their operations.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 11, 1955

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO THE MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE
PROGRAM BY THE LEGAL ATTACHE, MEXICO CITY

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SYNOPSIS

During the Border Coverage Conference held in El Paso on June 2 and 3, 1955, the coverage of security threats to the United States within the interior of Mexico were completely explored. After complete analysis of the Legal Attache's progress, it became evident that he and his staff have effected strong coverage within Mexico within the limitations of personnel assigned and the basis for operations in Mexico. It was found that the Legal Attache has taken aggressive steps to perfect this coverage, and particularly in looking toward that type of coverage which would be of assistance to the domestic border offices in handling the border coverage program. He is continually expanding his informant coverage, particularly in the northern area of Mexico. Since the last conference in January, 1955, he has developed and reactivated informants who have been, or are in the process of being, turned over to the border offices for handling as "investigative informants" to perfect coverage in the areas adjacent to the United States. In addition to this, he has sent informants on road trips along the border areas to explore and report possible subversive activities and to select potential sources and informants who can be used by the border offices. There is no question but what Speakes and his staff have done a good job. He has been assisted in obtaining the results by having a clear understanding of the problem and it is believed that he will continue to aggressively promote his coverage to assist the border coverage offices, as well as perfect better coverage in the interior.

The potential security threat existing in the several Mexican states has previously been examined and analyzed in the separate memorandum prepared on the five border offices. It will not be restated at this time.

It should be noted that the Legal Attache and his associates have particularly strong informant coverage in the States of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, and Coahuila, all of which touch on the border adjacent to the San Antonio Office border responsibility. Since the last conference in January, 1955, the Resident Agent in Monterrey, Mexico, has sent 11

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confidential informants or sources into the areas along the border adjacent to the San Antonio district looking for development of information and potential informants for the border offices. In the Sonora, Mexico, area the Resident Agent in Guadalajara has taken like measures and has been successful in having Mexico City confidential informant [redacted] b7D who is a police official, report on matters which would be of interest to the San Diego Office, with the possibility that he may be used by the San Diego Office as an investigative informant handled by that office.

It was determined that aside from the border areas, the Legal Attache has developed many high-placed informants who have in the past, and who continue to, supply good, sound information on subversive activities in Mexico. The Legal Attache advises that he can undoubtedly develop more confidential informants if it were not for the great distances to be traveled within Mexico to contact and handle potential informants. He has suggested that this barrier may be alleviated in part if he were to establish additional Resident Agents in the American Consulate at Nogales, Sonora, and other types of undercover assignments in Hermosillo, Sonora, and in Chihuahua City, Chihuahua. The Legal Attache was told to submit a letter to the Bureau writing up his recommendations for such assignments and pointing out what coverage such assignments would give him in northern Mexico and whether it was feasible to handle such Resident Agencies from his office. This matter will be followed with the Legal Attache.

The Legal Attache was also instructed to make certain that he furnishes all reports and write-ups on organizations which would be of interest to the border offices; further, that he is to prepare a monthly intelligence summary for the benefit of the Bureau and the border offices to be submitted by the 15th of each month. The Legal Attache was instructed that whenever he sends informants into an area of interest to a domestic border office or develops informants, potential security informants or sources in an area, the coverage of which could be of assistance to the border offices, he should appropriately advise the Bureau and these offices for their information and for such use as they can make of the information.

The Legal Attache, as well as the SAC's of the 5 border offices, were specifically instructed that they were being held responsible for the close coordination of the coverage the Bureau desired in Mexico and that they must, therefore, see that all information of mutual interest is exchanged. Speakes states that he understands the necessity for such close coordination and that he will see that it is done so far as the Mexico City Office is concerned. The Legal Attache was specifically instructed to lend all possible assistance to the border offices in establishing investigative informants that could be used to good advantage. It was impressed upon the Legal Attache and his associates that the border

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coverage program, to which he is expected to give all possible assistance, is a continuing operation and something that must be considered constantly.

From a complete analysis of the coverage maintained by the Mexico City Office and the assistance they have in the past, and will continue to give to the domestic border offices, it is quite evident that the Mexico City Office has, and will continue to give valuable assistance to this program.

ACTION:

1. There is attached a proposed letter to the Legal Attache confirming the Bureau's interest and concern regarding the border coverage program. This letter also confirms the actions requested of the Legal Attache at the conference and transmits confirmation of appropriate instructions.

2. This memorandum should be referred to the Training and Inspection Division for its consideration in the over-all report of inspection of the Mexico City Office recently completed. * In view of the very strong coverage perfected by the Legal Attache and the valuable assistance he is giving to the border coverage program, it is recommended that he be commended and the Training and Inspection Division should consider this recommendation in the preparation of its over-all analysis of the Mexico City Office.

* MEXICO CITY INSPECTION REPORT WAS SENT THRU LAST WEEK. M

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Inspector Nugent believes coverage in Mexico City good but does not believe contributions to border coverage program sufficiently outstanding to warrant commendation at this time. J.E. Nugent. M

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson ☒
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FBI, EL PASO (100-4847)

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Transmit the following Teletype/message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION

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On June 6, 1955, while being contacted on other matters, [redacted] whose identity should be protected, [redacted]

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[redacted] EP, remarked that he dreaded the coming visit of the Attorney General to El Paso because there was a possibility that he [redacted] might be called upon to answer questions regarding [redacted] subversive coverage along the border. [redacted] was particularly apprehensive regarding this because his superior, [redacted]

[redacted] EP, was of the opinion that [redacted] had the problem of subversive aliens coming to the US under control. [redacted] stated that he himself did not share this view at all and, therefore, might get himself into trouble if interviewed by the Attorney General. [redacted] stated that in his opinion, if MODESTO SOSA, recent head of PCM in State of Chihuahua, and who had been excluded as a subversive, wanted to get into the US he could, in all probability, do it by simply changing his name.

The El Paso Times, local daily newspaper, on the front page, 6/7/55, ran the following article: According to figures released by MARCUS T. NEELLY, USINS, for the first four months of 1955, 38,843 aliens had been apprehended in the Southwest Regional District as against 251,475 over a similar period last year. The article pointed out that BORDER Patrol mobile units have discouraged wet backs from trying to enter the US, according to USINS.

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DATE: June 22, 1955
TO: Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico
FROM: Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
FOR THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO

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Reurlet 6-15-55.

It is noted that [REDACTED] is inaugurating a program of developing an interest among his agents in the investigation of security matters. You should continue to follow this matter closely and to keep the Bureau advised of [REDACTED] efforts to develop a group of investigators who can handle security matters. You should also continue to interest him in the Bureau's work and the El Paso and Albuquerque Offices should endeavor to work out discreet arrangements with him to obtain information of interest providing that contacts with him in Mexico disclose his willingness to openly cooperate with the border offices.

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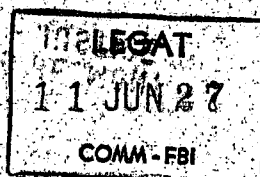
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356015)
ATTN: FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION

DATE: 6/15/55

FROM : ~~no~~ LEGAT, MEXICO (100-743)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER —

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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Re	
of the State of Chihuahua	

Pursuant to instructions of Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT, SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR., Bureau's Resident Agent in Monterrey, N. L. Mexico, using his cover as Vice Consul, contacted [redacted] for the State of Chihuahua, on June 14 and 15, 1955, at Chihuahua City relative to the cooperation and investigation he could afford the Vice Consul regarding the activities of the Popular Party and the Communist Party of Mexico in the State of Chihuahua particularly those effecting the Chihuahua-U.S. border.

his jurisdiction know little or nothing about Communism or relative matters. It is the intention of [redacted] to call into Chihuahua City the 46 Agents working for him at various points throughout the State of Chihuahua to interrogate them as to their knowledge and understanding of political happenings in their districts and at the same time endeavor to ascertain if they have any information as to the activities or strength of the Communist Party of Mexico or Popular Party in the area where they are stationed. [redacted] was of the opinion that he would get little results during this first interview but he hopes to instill into them the necessity of making discreet inquiries among the various syndicates, farmers' unions, and intellectual groups to ascertain the party strength in their region and if they are active or are being reactivated. It is also the plan of [redacted] to have them submit weekly reports as to their progress concerning their investigation of the Communist Party and the Popular Party activities where these Agents are stationed.

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[redacted] is of the opinion that it will take him from 4 to 6 weeks to canvass the Agents assigned to him outside of Chihuahua City and at the same time endeavor to select certain Agents who are in a position to carry out his proposed program for investigating the Communist Party of Mexico and the Popular Party. Not all of the Agents under the jurisdiction of [redacted] understand what a thorough investigation is; and in the cases where a weak link is located among his Agents working in the outlying districts, efforts will be made to change this Agent back into Chihuahua City and another Agent will be assigned to that post.

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[redacted] stated that the only possible exception will be Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, which is under the direct command of General PABLO CANO MARTINEZ. Cd. Juarez, [redacted] advises, will have to be handled by him. He hopes eventually to be able to establish contacts in Cd. Juarez who will report directly to him in Chihuahua City as to the activities of the Communist Party of Mexico and the Popular Party operations in Cd Juarez without divulging this information to General MARTINEZ.

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[redacted] pointed out, confidentially, that the Governor of the State of Chihuahua, LIC. OSCAR SOTO MAYNEZ, has little interest in Communism or any other ism, and he knows absolutely nothing about the effect of Communism either on a national or international scale. [redacted] stated that he does not believe that he will receive any interference from the State Governor while conducting the aforementioned planned investigation.

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For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] was born [redacted] in [redacted]. He is married and has been in police work in Mexico, D. F.; Baja California; and in the State of Chihuahua. While in [redacted], he was assigned to the Direccion Federal de Seguridad (Mexican Federal Security Police) and worked exclusively on political matters as well as investigating Communist infiltration of the Mexican Government. [redacted] has a good understanding of the operations of the Communists, and it is believed he will be discreet in his investigations which will be conducted to assist the Bureau's Resident Agent in Monterrey.

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During the course of the interview had with [redacted] [redacted] SA CREEDEN discreetly pointed out to him that should he incur extra expenses in setting up this program to check on the activities of the Communist and Popular Party's movements in Chihuahua, that SA CREEDEN would be willing to defray a reasonable amount of these expenses. [redacted] stated that this would be greatly appreciated; however, no exact figure was mentioned at this time.

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[redacted] pointed out that he would inform SA CREEDEN when he thought that this program would be ready for full operation. It was [redacted] opinion that by the end of July he will have contacted all of his representatives and he should have, by that time, a preliminary report ready.

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During the course of the interview had with [redacted] [redacted] a passing remark was made to the effect that the FBI in the U. S. is also interested in the activity of any Mexican or foreign Communist or sympathizer who might penetrate into the U.S. and become a national security risk. It was discreetly explained to [redacted] that the investigation of Communism in the U. S. comes under the jurisdiction of the FBI. At this point [redacted] advised that he would be willing to cooperate with the FBI, however, suggested that if this cooperation is arranged it must be done on a confidential basis. No further comment was made at this time regarding the FBI's interest in Communism.

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It is believed by SA CREEDEN that when [redacted] [redacted] has established the setup which he proposed to check on Communist and Popular Party activities, that direct contact can then be established between a representative of the El Paso Office and [redacted] It is not believed that [redacted] will in any way be indiscreet in his investigation and will in no way perform any act which would cause embarrassment to the Bureau. In the meantime, periodical checks will be made by SA CREEDEN on [redacted] activities and movements to ascertain if, for any reason, the proposed setup between the El Paso Office and [redacted] should not be established.

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An extra copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Albuquerque Office for information purposes since one of the points bordering on the Albuquerque Office is in the State of Chihuahua.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the El Paso Office.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Records Section
1 - Code Room
1 - Mr. Little
1 - Section Tickler
1 - Mr. Ferris

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SAC, El Paso

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~~COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE
MEXICAN BORDER (BOGOV)~~

In accordance with the suggestion made at the conference held in El Paso June 2 and 3, 1955, that the above-captioned program be given a code name, the code word "BOGOV" has been selected. In the future, that name should be utilized in administrative correspondence concerning this program among the border offices as well as with the Bureau. As in the past, that correspondence should continue to be flagged Personal and Confidential for the attention of the Foreign Liaison Unit.

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- 1 - San Diego (PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL)
- 1 - Legal Attache (PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL)
Mexico City, Mexico

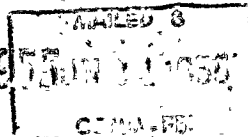
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. N. H. FERRIS

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE PROGRAM

DATE: June 6, 1955

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During the discussion at the June 2 and 3, 1955, conference at El Paso on this matter, Legal Attache Speakes advised that he felt it advisable that the Bureau should arrange a code name for the program. He stated that he felt it would be less costly to handle both foreign and domestic operations if a short, suitable code name were employed. Everyone at the conference agreed that this was a good idea. Mr. Belmont and I approved such a procedure.

I would like to have you work out as soon as possible a suitable code name for the program and issue appropriate instructions to the Seat of Government, the border offices, and the Legal Attache, Mexico City. The primary basis for doing this is the cutting of costs of communications, saving of time in preparing memoranda and letters, and improving security generally of the program.

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- 1 - Mr. Roach
 1 - Mr. Ferris
 1 - Liaison Section Tickler

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 Belmont
 6/23/55
 Ltr to CP, Mexico City
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 9, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE CONFERENCE
JUNE 2 and 3, 1955
EL PASO, TEXAS

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SYNOPSIS:

Activities of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on U. S.-Mexican border discussed at conference. Bureau representatives told our coverage under intensification program on border inadequate and was particularly disturbing in view of General Swing, head of INS, statements he could identify all Mexican Communist Party members along the border and he had border under control. INS is expanding informant coverage. SAC's told that Bureau would not lean on INS for security coverage and that we must perfect our own. From information supplied by SAC's from their independent recollection, without consulting the files and records of their offices, border between U. S. and Mexico considered "wide open." Fictitious documents easy to obtain in Mexico. Numerous illegal entries made over border and INS constantly returning illegal aliens from New York, Chicago, and other areas in U. S. INS intensification program having some effect on keeping "wetback" laboring-class Mexicans from entering U. S., although still ineffective. INS informant coverage weak, according to INS inspectors. Informant who was [redacted] in State of Chihuahua has been replaced by another Mexican Communist Party member who is not an INS informant. INS using some former FBI informants who were dropped as being unreliable. Field relations between INS and Bureau described as excellent. In view of admitted INS coverage along border by field inspectors, it is not believed that Swing's statements are factual re his over-all coverage; although it cannot be factually disproven, circumstances are such that it is highly unlikely that they are correct. If information supplied by SAC's is to be disseminated outside Bureau, it would be necessary to request each border office to search their files and records for the identity of cases of known illegal entry and furnish facts to substantiate the fact that entry into the U. S. from Mexico, legally or illegally, can be accomplished.

ACTION: For your information.HRR:lw
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1-Mr. Boardman 1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Roach 1-Mr. Ferris
1-Section Tickler

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I suggest a quarterly summary of actual data concerning border security coverage, with specific examples of inadequacies in border coverage.

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Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman
DETAILS:

During the Border Coverage Conference held at El Paso on June 2 and 3, 1955, the activities of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on the border were discussed. Those in attendance were told very specifically that it was hard to understand why, with our intensified coverage along the border, we had not been able to develop sufficient informant coverage; that this fact was particularly disturbing as General Swing, head of INS, had stated that they had an informant who was [redacted] the Communist Party (CP) in Chihuahua. They were also told that recently Swing had stated that his Service had the Mexican border under control and that his Service had been able to penetrate the Communist Party in Mexico with the recent establishment of six new informants in the CP of Mexico; that through such means INS was able to obtain the names of all CP members along the Mexican border. Those at the conference were told that it was quite evident that INS endeavored, or is endeavoring, to expand its informant coverage along the border and that this certainly should be a challenge to the FBI to have adequate coverage in that area. b7D

Considering the above, I had each SAC submit data, to the best of his recollection (office files and records were not there available), concerning INS coverage along the border which would give us an idea of INS coverage, which would point up the need for us to press hard for complete security coverage. Those in attendance were definitely impressed with the fact that the FBI will not depend upon INS for its coverage along the Mexican border, that we do not want to lean on anyone, and that we must perfect our own coverage by informants controlled by the Bureau. The following information of particular interest is set forth. It is to be noted that if this information is to be transmitted outside the Bureau, we would have to request these offices to search their records on the points raised and give us specific cases and identities of illegal entries before we could factually identify the cases and situations mentioned.

U. S.-MEXICAN BORDER CONDITION:

The border between the U. S. and Mexico is considered, by all who have knowledge of it, to be "wide open." This means that entry into the United States from Mexico is virtually unchallenged whether such entry is by legal or illegal procedures. There is a border line of approximately 2,000 miles with about 25 official border crossing points. With rare exceptions, such as mountains or lakes, the border can be

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crossed anywhere by just walking across (the Rio Grande River affords no protection). The only detection against such crossings is the Border Patrol, which makes routine physical checks, sets up check points in the U. S., and conducts concerted drives by using large numbers of personnel in selected spots. These procedures have materially reduced the entry into the U. S. of the so-called "wetbacks" of the "ragged" worker-type Mexicans. It is particularly easy for persons to cross the border at official check points, the only requisite being that the person is moderately well dressed and can speak English. Under these circumstances there is no challenge made if the person states he is an American or has some kind of a document such as a birth or baptismal certificate, Selective Service card, or discharge papers, all of which can be, and many times are, false. There are "document mills" in existence in the Brownsville and Eagle Pass areas. Many laboring-class aliens go as far north as Chicago, New York, and other U. S. cities, where they are sometimes spotted by INS by checking at industrial plants. This in and of itself shows that they do without difficulty enter at the border undetected. Legal entry can be made into the U. S. by almost any nationality by obtaining Mexican citizenship, with little or no expense or trouble, and then obtaining a valid U. S. visa. Aside from these types of cases, there is a large segment of itinerant labor which is brought into the U. S. annually under the sponsorship of the Department of Agriculture. Further, on certain holidays, such as Washington's Birthday and local Mexican holidays, two twin cities on the Mexican and U. S. border are thrown completely open to all who care to travel between them with no checks made whatsoever. Such an occasion occurred as late as March 18, 1955, in the San Diego area and during the Lenten season in the San Antonio area.

INS COVERAGE:

The facts supplied by the border offices revealed that INS does have a drive on toward obtaining informants along the Mexican border. In some areas it has increased its supervisory personnel to obtain better results from the field personnel. In the San Diego, Phoenix, Albuquerque, and San Antonio areas INS has no informants in the CP of Mexico, according to its own inspectors. They do have in the El Paso area three active members of the CP of Mexico and three former members and one individual who is described as a labor union official who is allegedly in a position to identify some CP members. Other than these seven informants, the Bureau's offices report that INS does not have other coverage in the CP of Mexico. One of the three informants until recently was the [redacted] for the State of Chihuahua. Following a factional dispute three other individuals took over the handling of the CP in this state and INS's informant was not included although he is still a member of the CP. The INS inspectors

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and supervisory personnel in the border areas readily admit to the Bureau's representatives that they do not have full and complete coverage along the border; that they are not in a position to identify all members of the CP of Mexico. Legal Attache Speakes advises that the CP headquarters itself in Mexico City is not in a position to identify all members due to the lack of membership coordination in the party.

INS officials on the border have advised our representatives on various occasions that they do not have informant coverage in many of the areas along the border. In the Laredo, Texas, office of INS all operations toward developing security informants have ceased since May 21, 1955, as the Inspector in Charge has been called to Washington for training in administrative procedures not related to security work. Some of the informants used by INS are those that have been discontinued by the Bureau due, at least in one instance, to the fact that we had found him to be unreliable. In Mexico City proper there has been an aggressive drive on by INS to recruit security informants. One informant, however, used by INS is a person that the Legal Attache had discontinued as an informant in view of his being unreliable.

RELATIONS WITH INS:

The relations between the Bureau and INS representatives on the border are described as being excellent. INS goes to great lengths to be of assistance even to the extent, in the El Paso Office, of revealing the names, symbol numbers, and identifying data of their informants on a voluntary basis. The feelings of the rank and file and officials of INS in the border area are extremely anti-Swing and they are opposed to his policies and procedures.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. The border between the United States and Mexico is unguarded, easy to cross, and is considered by both American and Mexican Immigration officials on the border to be "wide open."

2. INS coverage, according to the statements of the INS officials in the area, is inadequate although efforts are being made to improve it. From the information supplied by our offices, which was obtained from Immigration people themselves, the coverage of INS along the border is lacking in many particulars. The statements of Swing that he can identify, through informants, every Mexican Communist/and that he now has the border under control cannot be disproven although it can be

/Party member along the border

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stated factually that from the conditions existing at the border and from the coverage available to INS and by their own statements, it leaves serious doubt that INS coverage is as effective as Swing states. The mere fact that the INS is continually removing persons located throughout the United States back to Mexico is evidence in and of itself that the border is not "under control" at this time. An interesting example was cited by SAC Bryce when he related that as a result of an unrelated FBI investigation, two illegal Mexican aliens were found by Bureau Agents 65 miles north of the Mexican border and had traveled that distance by foot without being questioned by anyone, having stated that they crossed the Rio Grande River at El Paso. El Paso is one of the principal official border control points. Another example cited by Bryce revealed that 56 aliens in one day, a considerable distance from the El Paso entry point, were found working on a dairy farm in the area and had been for some time. The Mexico City Office cites examples where known Communists entered the United States as migratory farm laborers even after a stop had been placed by the Bureau's representatives in Monterrey with the Immigration Service at the border.

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1 - Mr. Ferris

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SAC, San Diego

June 27, 1955

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Reurlet June 10, 1955, relative to the observations
made by [REDACTED]

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initiated by [REDACTED] It is noted that [REDACTED]
received only one letter from [REDACTED]
regarding [REDACTED] and no one has yet
clearly set out the objectives which they are to pursue.
[REDACTED] in Lower
California which can furnish him with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It is noted
that according to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in the State of Lower California.

A copy of this letter, together with a copy of the
letter of reference, is being made available to each border
office and to the Legal Attache, Mexico City, Mexico, for
information purposes. As previously instructed each office
should be [REDACTED]

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- 1 - SAC, El Paso (with enclosure)
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- 1 - Legal Attache, Mexico City, Mexico (with enclosure)

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

530 Broadway
San Diego, California WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
June 10, 1955

Mr. Tolson ☒ b6
Mr. Boardman ☒ b7C
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Belmont ☒
Mr. Harbo ☒
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Director, FBI

Attention: Assistant Director
Mr. BELMONT

CONFIDENTIAL

Attention: FOREIGN LIAISON DESK

Re: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER — *ccal.*

Dear Sir:

For the Bureau's information, on June 8, 1955,
SA ARNOLD D. ORRANTIA and SA SHELDON W. PARKS contacted

[redacted] California, who is
presently coordinating [redacted]
[redacted] in the San Diego, California
area.

[redacted] advised SA's ORRANTIA and PARKS confidentially
that [redacted] are presently on detail
at [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he hesitates to
make any [redacted] with
respect to [redacted] he is of the opinion that
[redacted] and
he might [redacted]

[redacted] stated that, since [redacted] has been
[redacted] they have received [redacted]

[redacted] and that no one has as yet [redacted]

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LIASON

To: Director, FBI
Re: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

[redacted] stated that
his plans are to [redacted] in
Lower California [redacted]
[redacted] the Communist Party of Mexico
[redacted] and that he does not
intend to work in [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he is dissatisfied with the
[redacted]
[redacted] He stated that his dissatisfaction with
[redacted] was based primarily on his opinion
that [redacted] type of
work: that [redacted]
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[redacted] of work.
[redacted] also advised that [redacted] has been
appointed to handle the work for [redacted] in connection
with this program in [redacted] which handles
the [redacted]
State of Lower California, which is located [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he feels the
[redacted]
of work and that he is going to suggest to his superiors
that they be given [redacted] in order to more
[redacted]

With respect to the [redacted]
[redacted] stated that as of the present date [redacted]
[redacted]

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On the date that [redacted] was contacted, [redacted] and
[redacted] had just [redacted]
[redacted] He advised that they have [redacted]
[redacted] as they
have [redacted] He stated that he

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was told to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
He, however, stated that he [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He further stated that he
has [REDACTED] and that
after the proper [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that he will [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated that as far as he knew, the
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During the course of the conversation, [REDACTED] con-
fidentially advised SA ORRANTIA of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] with the exception
of one which he was unable to recall inasmuch as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He stated that
he would [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It should be noted that [REDACTED] does not use
the same [REDACTED] as the Bureau
does. Set out below are the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is presently [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He was a
[REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] but no [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] According to [REDACTED]
him that he is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised that he is
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] but indicated that [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] stated that with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] he is not
in a position to [REDACTED]

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[redacted] stated that he is [redacted]
[redacted] has
told him that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] He
has also told [redacted] that he [redacted]
[redacted]
area.

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[redacted]
[redacted] is another [redacted]
[redacted] and was [redacted]
Both he and [redacted] have been [redacted]
According
to [redacted] are
[redacted] stated that he [redacted]
primarily to [redacted]

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It is believed by [redacted] that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted], but that
[redacted] to become
[redacted]
[redacted] It is also be-
lieved that [redacted]
with [redacted]
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[redacted] did not indicate [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] is presently [redacted]
[redacted] During
the past few months he has had a [redacted]
[redacted]
and he in turn has been [redacted]
[redacted] It is believed that [redacted]
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To: Director, FBI
Re: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

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[redacted] is presently one of [redacted]
[redacted] for [redacted]
[redacted] She was [redacted]
[redacted] at which time she [redacted]
[redacted] was prior
to the last election [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] She is presently in [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] again advised SA ORRANTIA that they
[redacted]

The Bureau will be advised of any further develop-
ments regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Maynor

H. G. MAYNOR
Special Agent in Charge

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COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

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As was pointed out to you at the June 2-3 Border Coverage Conference, the Bureau is deeply concerned over the effectiveness of the security coverage maintained by the United States Government along the Mexican border. During that Conference the information submitted by various SAC's without specific reference to their files or records indicated that the Mexican border can be considered as "wide open." This is in part further substantiated by the information contained in your airtel of [redacted] advising that one of the [redacted]

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[redacted] That source was particularly apprehensive because his superior was of the opinion that by [redacted]

[redacted] That source did not share this view. He stated that in his opinion if [redacted]

The Bureau desires that you, as well as each SAC receiving a copy of this letter and the Legal Attache in Mexico, submit quarterly summaries of factual data concerning border security coverage with specific examples of ineffective INS border coverage. The Bureau does not desire you to become involved directly in the activities of other agencies operating along the border or to create the impression that you are "investigating" the activities of those agencies. You are, however, to be alert to obtain pertinent information indicating weaknesses in the protection of United States security interests along the border. The first quarterly report should be submitted under date of July 1, 1955, and subsequently on October 1, January 1, April 1, and July 1 of each year.

- 1 - SAC, San Antonio
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *WBF*

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH *RR*

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE
MEXICAN BORDER *BOCOV*
Gentl

DATE: June 23, 1955

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Gandy ☐

Reference is made to the suggestion made at the recent El Paso Conference that a code name should be utilized in connection with the above-captioned program.

It is believed that this program should be given the code name of "BOCOV." This has not been used before as a code name for any Bureau case. "BOCOV" has been selected as an abbreviation of Border Coverage and should be easily associated with the border coverage program.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the code word "BOCOV" be adopted for the Communist Coverage Along the Mexican Border case and that the attached letter be sent to interested border offices and the Legal Attache, Mexico, advising of this designation.

Enclosure *sent 6-24-55*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Records Section
- 1 - Code Room
- 1 - Mr. Little
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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cc - Foreign Service Desk (detached)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

PSI has claimed Communists in Mexico have propositioned him to attend the labor school in Mexico City after which they may want to send him to the U. S. Efforts are being made to verify his story insofar as possible.

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June 28, 1955

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**COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER**

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In accordance with the expressed desires of the various Agents present at the June 2-3, 1955, border coverage conference, the following summary is furnished relative to the assistance furnished the various border offices by the Legal Attache's office, Mexico City, between the January 24-25, 1955, Border Coverage Conference and the conference held in June. That summary is based on the notes prepared by the representatives from the Legal Attache's office who attended the conference.

During February the Legal Attache was in Monterrey and Nuevo Laredo where he met former confidential informant [REDACTED] who is presently on duty with the Mexican Customs Service at Nuevo Laredo. [REDACTED] indicated a desire to be of service again and during an April, 1955, road trip by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was contacted by [REDACTED] and a basis was laid for [REDACTED] to meet Resident Agent at Laredo, Texas, on a discreet basis.

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In February the Legal Attache in Mexico also conferred with [REDACTED] who had recently been working in Mexicali, B. C. The informant was anxious to return to Mexicali with his family and he was reactivated as an informant to work in the Mexicali area. He is now employed as an agent of the Lower California State Judicial Police and he has begun submitting written reports to the Legal Attache's office on Communist Party and Populist Party activities in the border area. He was personally contacted in Hermosillo, Sonora, by the Agent who handles the west coast road trip territory in Mexico in order to give supervision and direction to his work. [REDACTED] submitted three written reports and a review of the material indicated that it was accurate. His contacts have been expanding and it appears that he will eventually be a valuable informant. He has made road trips

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- 1 - SAC, San Diego
- 1 - Legal Attache

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below the 25-mile limit in Lower California but due to his residence in Mexicali, and his potential value to the San Diego office in investigating Communist matters along the border, he is being turned over to that office for handling.

In April, 1955, [] was sent on a road trip to report on subversive activities in Tamaulipas, Nuevo Laredo, and Coahuila. He contacted a great many local officials and, in addition to developing new contacts in police and other local positions, he activated two individuals in Nuevo Laredo, both of whom turned in information of value. He likewise contacted [] in Nuevo Laredo.

In May, 1955, [] made another road trip to Tamaulipas with the objective of developing a good Mexican Communist Party informant at the State Committee Headquarters in Tampico. If this arrangement succeeds, such an informant will be of value both from the standpoint of border coverage and interior coverage in Mexico.

The Bureau's representatives in Monterrey have utilized the following informants and sources in connection with the border coverage program:

[] has made road trips to Nuevo Laredo and Reynosa developing contacts in banking and political circles to ascertain infiltration by the Communist Party and Popular Party into those groups. He also ascertained the identity of the contact the Russian-Mexican Cultural Institute is endeavoring to have handle their propaganda in Reynosa. The informant also established the identity of contacts of [] in the Agrarian Colonies between Reynosa and Matamoros for the Popular Party.

[] is developing contacts with a relative in Reynosa who handles various fence work where Popular Party groups are active. He has also established police contacts in the same city.

[] handles [], a former Communist Party official in Monterrey who is being developed

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as a potential security informant. [] has agreed to recontact former Communist Party associates along the border to develop a potential security informant. b7D

[] has a relative in the Labor Movement in the Matamoros area. He is endeavoring to have his relative develop contacts within the Communist Party of Mexico and the Popular Party. b7D

[] has established contacts among Mexican Customs officials in Reynosa who appear willing to cooperate in developing information regarding "leftist" groups. He has excellent contacts among contrabandists, smugglers, car thieves, and handlers of wetbacks, whom the Communist Party of Mexico might try to use to smuggle persons into or out of the United States. b7D

[] has made a trip to the towns of Mexcala and Rosita, Coahuila, to develop contacts within the Communist Party of Mexico in these mining areas. It is noted that these two areas are related to the coverage maintained in Piedras Negras and Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila. This same informant has made a trip to Chihuahua City where he has established contact with Jose Cordero Rodriguez, the present Secretary General of Section 10 of the Miners' Syndicate. Through him [] is endeavoring to learn the identity of pro-Communist contacts in Juarez. b7D

[] has made a trip to the towns of Valle Hermoso and La Merced, Tamaulipas. He has made contact with a person who supplies information concerning proposed Communist Party of Mexico movements. The informant may be able to work this particular area driving a truck among various farms and establishing contacts in an effort to develop potential security informants. b7D

[] is a member of the Mexican Communist Party who is endeavoring to establish contact with Communists in Nuevo Laredo and Reynosa, who can furnish information concerning Mexican Communist Party activities in those localities. b7D

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[] is a member of the Russia-Mexican Cultural Institute in Monterrey who is endeavoring to develop "leftist" labor leaders as contacts through [], who is the head of the Cabinet Workers Syndicate in Nuevo Laredo.

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[] is an agent of the Mexican Federal Highway Police and a potential informant of the Bureau's representatives in Monterrey. He knows labor leaders and agitators in Monclova and Rosita who are members of the Mexican Communist Party. He is now trying to establish contacts who can supply data regularly regarding the Mexican Communist Party in those areas.

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[] is a Spanish refugee who is a naturalized Mexican citizen and who is presently a potential security informant of the Bureau's representatives in Monterrey. She resides in Monterrey and is endeavoring to develop a friend who is also of Spanish extraction in Nuevo Laredo to furnish information on Spanish Communists and related groups in that city.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. N. L. FERRIS

DATE: June 13, 1955

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE PROGRAM
NOTES SUPPLIED RE ASSISTANCE GIVEN
BY LEGAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE, MEXICO CITY

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Boardman	_____
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Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
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Gandy	_____

There are attached the notes prepared by Legal Attache Speakes and Special Agents Creeden and Rink concerning the assistance they have given the border coverage program through informants since the last January, 1955, conference. The border offices have expressed an interest in receiving copies of these notes.

It is Mr. Belmont's desire that they be given to the field by means of letter. Please see that this done.

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1-Mr. Roach
1-Mr. Ferris
1-Section Tickler

Enclosure

Ret to
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cc: O'Hanlon
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Activities of CIs & Contacts along the
US Border controlled out of the Monterrey, N.L.
Resident Agency.

[redacted] Trips to the towns of N. Laredo &
Reynosa, Tamps. developing contacts in
banking & political circles to ascertain
infiltration by CPM & PP into these
groups & Also ascertaining identity of
contact the Russian-Mexican Cultural
Institute is endeavoring to ~~develop~~ ^{handle} their
propaganda in Reynosa

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Also establishing identity & contacts of
[redacted] in the
agrarian colonies between Reynosa
& Matamoros, Tamps. for the P. P.

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[redacted] Developing his relative in Reynosa - Tamps
who handles various Pemex crews where
PP groups active - Also established Police
contacts same town

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[redacted] Melvin Lyon
[redacted] 24
CPM official in Monterrey, [redacted]
[redacted] being developed as PSI. [redacted]
[redacted] has agreed to recontact CPM associates
along border to develop PSI.

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[redacted] Established contacts in Mexican Custom officials in Reynosa, Tampo. who appears willing to cooperate developing information re leftist groups. Has excellent contacts among - contrabandist - smugglers - car thieves & handlers of wetbacks which the CPM might try to use to smuggle persons in or out of U.S.

[redacted] Made trip to the towns of Valle Hermosa & 18 de Marzo - Tamp. Made contact with person supplying information of proposed CPM moves. [redacted] may get work that area driving a truck between various farms & in this way develop PSTs.

[redacted] Made trip to towns of Mamuloc & Rosita - Coah. to develop contacts within the CPM in these areas which is a large mining center. These two areas effect Piedras Negras & Cd. Huamán - Coah.

This CI. made trip to Chihuahua City where he established contact with Jose Cardero Rodriguez - present Secretary General of Section 10 of the miners' syndicate & through him [redacted] endeavor b7D

ing to learn identity of contacts in Cel. Juarez -
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[redacted] PCM member endeavoring to establish
contact with ~~PCM~~ communist in N. Mexico
& Reynosa - Tampico who can furnish
information re PCM activities

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[redacted] Member of the Russian Mexican Cultural
Institute in Monterrey (endeavoring to
develop leftist labor leaders through
[redacted] who is head of the cabinet
workers syndicate in N. Mexico - Tampico

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[redacted] Has relatives in labor in Matamoros,
area who is endeavoring to develop
contacts within PCM & PP.

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[redacted] Agent of Mexican
Federal Highway Police (PCI) He
knows ~~leader~~ labor leaders & agitator
of strike elements in Monclova &
Rosita who are @ CPM members. Now
trying to establish contacts who can
supply data regularly re @ CPM

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Spanish

Refugee - Nat. Mexican Citizen - PSI

She lives in Monterrey & is endeavoring
to develop a French, also Spanish, in
It. ~~language~~ - ~~temples~~ to inform on
Spanish Communist & related groups
in that town.

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[redacted] - This informant,
~~was~~ formerly a special
political investigator for
[redacted]
[redacted], was

reactivated in Mexico, D. F.
in late February 1955. He
subsequently secured employment
as an Agent of the Lower
California State Judicial Police,
with headquarters in Mexicali, B.C.
He began submitting written
reports on CP & Partido Popular
activities in the Border area.

He was personally met by AN
SA from the Legal Attache's
office in Hermosillo, Sonora

& supervision and direction was
given to his work. [redacted]

has since submitted 3 written
reports and a review of

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This material would indicate that it is accurate. His contacts are expanding and it appears that he will eventually be a highly valuable informant. He has made road trips below the 25 limit in Lower California, however due to his residence in Mexicali and potential value to the San Diego office in investigating CP matter along the border, he is being turned over to that office for handling.

Legat Assist to Border

February - Legat Attache in Monterrey + Nuevo
Laredo met [redacted] on duty
with Mex Customs. [redacted] indicated
desirous of being of service. During
April road trip [redacted] contacted they
[redacted] ~~and trip~~ and basis
Luis Antonio laid for [redacted] to meet our
Luis R A (Graham) on discreet
basis.

February - Legat Attache in Mex City spoke
with [redacted] who had been
S. D. recently working at border in Mexicali.
Informant anxious to return to
Mexicali with family to reside
there. Legat advised so informant
was reactivated and informant
now in Mexicali in police work
has submitted info of value. He
has been contacted recently by
SA Rink in Torrance and it now
seems best that [redacted] be
turned over to San Diego office. He
has good credentials and could be both a CI and a cont-ent.

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[redacted] sent on Road trip to report on subversive activities in Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, and Coahuila. He contacted a great many local officials. In addition to securing many new contacts ~~carrying~~ in police and other local positions he activated two individuals in Nuevo Laredo, both of whom have subsequently turned in information of value. He also contacted [redacted] in Nuevo Laredo.

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In May 1955 [redacted] is on road trip in Tamaulipas (a border state) in which his activity is aimed at getting a good Int Comm party informant at State Committee headquarters in Tampico. This will have interest both from standpoint of border and interior coverage. Informant feels confident he will accomplish mission.

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Date: July 7, 1955

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To: Director, FBI - ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON DESK

From: Legat, Mexico (100-743 C)

Subject: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER:

[REDACTED]
FOR THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO

ReBulet dated June 22, 1955.

During the latter part of June, 1955, SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR. was in contact with [REDACTED] for the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, and he advised that he is still working on the program discussed with him by SA CREEDEN on June 14 and 15, 1955. He pointed out, however, that there has been a series of robberies locally, and this has curtailed his plan somewhat; however, he has hopes of being able to continue the developing of interest among his agents in investigating security matters, so that this information may be turned over to the Bureau. [REDACTED] also pointed out that his wife was taken seriously ill on June 18, 1955, and has been confined to the hospital; however, he pointed out that he has not let this stand in his way in the developing of security investigations.

Periodic contact will be maintained with [REDACTED] by SA CREEDEN, and this office will continue to advise the Bureau as to the progress he is making in establishing an investigative squad which can conduct investigations on security matters.

Extra copies of this letter are attached for the benefit of the El Paso and Albuquerque Offices.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 13, 1955

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER — cont.

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In response to instructions given at the June Border Coverage Conference, the Legal Attache in Mexico has submitted his analysis of methods of extending our border coverage and coverage in the northern part of Mexico, which was received on June 14, 1955. In the Legal Attache's opinion the best and simplest method would be through a vigorous program handled by the domestic field utilizing well chosen Agents devoting most of their time to the program. This would avoid the problem of "covers" and artificial restrictions on the number of Agents who could work on the project.

As an alternate method, the Legal Attache suggests the possible use of undercover Agents assigned to the border Consulates as "Visa Control Officers." According to this plan the Agents would have to be completely undercover even as far as the border offices are concerned. Such Agents would have to be handled administratively from the Seat of Government, according to the Legal Attache, because they should not be controlled by the border SAC's and the distance would make control by the Legal Attache difficult.

On an exploratory basis, inquiry has been made of Mr. McLeod's office in the State Department concerning the title "Visa Control Officer." After checking into the matter, we have been advised by liaison that the title is unknown at State and it is one which would either openly involve Immigration and Naturalization duties or would be open to suspicion. It would, therefore, be useless from our standpoint. Also any such undercover arrangement would involve our Agents in handling certain State Department functions as a cover, which would involve us in the operations of another department, an obviously unsatisfactory arrangement.

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The Legal Attache also suggests that we might assign undercover Agents to Hermosillo, where there is no Consulate. Such a cover would, however, have to be governmental in nature and the Legal Attache suggests a Department of Agriculture cover. That arrangement likewise is not practicable and it would also be short-lived. It is not believed that

Enclosure sent 7-15-55

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - Mr. Ferris

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either the assignment of Agents to the border Consulates in an undercover capacity or the assignment of Agents under cover at Hermosillo would be practical or feasible at the present time. Such arrangements would be too involved to be effective and they would be difficult to keep secret from [redacted] or the Immigration and Naturalization^{b3} Service as proposed by the Legal Attache for any length of time. It is not believed that such assignments should be given further consideration at the present.

The principal problem as proposed by the Legal Attache is the coverage of the interior of the States of Chihuahua and Sonora south of the border area. The distances of those areas from Guadalajara where our Resident Agency is stationed has made them hard to cover through the Legal Attache's set-up and the fact that the border office Agents are limited to 25 miles below the border has made it hard to cover the interior of those states from the border offices. It is believed, however, that this problem has been solved to a large extent through the June Border Coverage Conference, at which preliminary arrangements were made for both the Legal Attache and the border offices to utilize the services of the State Judicial Police in both Sonora and Chihuahua to cover the interior of those states. By subsequent letter of 6/15/55 the Legal Attache advised of preliminary arrangements worked out with the Chief of the Judicial Police of Chihuahua to conduct security investigations of the type needed by us and arrangements are being planned whereby the use of security organizations being established by him will be available to the El Paso Office. The Legal Attache's office has also made arrangements for [redacted] of the Judicial Police of Sonora, to^{b7D} cooperate with the Phoenix Office, which arrangement was approved in the Bureau's letter of 7/6/55. Also arrangements have been made by Phoenix to contact [redacted] directly as well as to maintain contact with certain specified Agents who work for him in and around the border area. It is believed that through these arrangements we have largely solved the problem of coverage in Chihuahua and Sonora.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that we continue handling the border area as at present through the border offices with coverage in the interior of Chihuahua and Sonora being handled by the Legal Attache's office on a road-trip basis, taking advantage of the local police liaison which has now been established.

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EX-103 100-356015-1081

DATE: July 14, 1955
TO: Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico
FROM: Director, FBI
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
THE MEXICAN BORDER

Reurlet June 7, 1955, submitting your comments relative to the best means for establishing adequate coverage in the border areas and in the northern part of Mexico. A thorough study has been made of your suggestions, but in view of the administrative and operational difficulties involved in the plan for Agents to be assigned in a confidential undercover capacity in the border Consulates, the Bureau does not believe that such an arrangement would be feasible or advisable at the present time.

With regard to the interior of the States of Chihuahua and Sonora, coverage should be strengthened by the arrangements being worked out for contact with the Judicial Police of those states by your office and the border offices. Your office as well as these border offices should expedite the development of these arrangements and through the use of these sources establish appropriate coverage in the areas involved.

A copy of this letter, together with a copy of the letter of reference, is being forwarded to each border office for its information.

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Boardman - SAC, Phoenix
Nichols - SAC, Albuquerque
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Date: June 7, 1955

To: Director, FBI

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From: Legal Attache 100-743

Subject: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER - *ccn*

~~PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING AGENTS IN BORDER
CONSULATES IN UNDERCOVER CAPACITY~~

During the May, 1955, Office Inspection the Legal Attache advised that in his opinion the simplest and best way to cover subversive activities along the Mexican-United States Border was through a vigorous and effective program handled by the domestic field offices along the border. The Legal Attache felt that it is basic to the problem to understand that the border represents a sociological community and informant coverage can best be handled by persons residing in or immediately adjacent to the border community. The Legal Attache felt that the Mexico City Office could, should necessity so require, establish some border coverage administered from Mexico City but to approach the problem in that way would be to handle the matter the hard way with minimum results in proportion to maximum effort expended. It was felt that covering the border from the domestic field offices should not necessarily be felt as impractical or impossible merely because the border field offices have not thus far developed excellent informant coverage. The Legal Attache felt that the technique of well-chosen Bureau Special Agents devoting most of their time to the project would pay off in results obtained and it would represent the simplest solution since there would be no problem having to do with the "covers" of SA's nor would there be any artificial restrictions upon the number of men who might be assigned to the project at any given time.

In addition to the foregoing, however, the Legal Attache felt that an effective mechanism could be set up for handling border coverage through the device of assigning Bureau Agents to border Consulates in an undercover capacity as Consular

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Memo to Bureau 7/13/55

*Letter to Mexico City to be handled by office of Liaison
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Officers. The Legal Attache had been impressed in the past with the success of [redacted] in using for its agents throughout the world the cover of Visa Control Officers who are assigned to [redacted]. The Legal Attache, while at the January, 1955, El Paso Conference, was impressed with accounts of apparent success of I&NS along the border in utilizing the control of border crossing privileges as an approach to interviewing aliens for the purpose of developing them as informants. It occurred to the Legal Attache that we might adapt certain features of these two techniques to our use and produce a Bureau Agent assignment in the border Consulates which could be of considerable effectiveness.

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Of course we could not have our men usurping State Department functions as to the actual issuance of visas, nor could we permit our men to act in a clearing capacity. We could, however, conduct relatively intensive security investigations and develop informants on the Mexican side of the border and even in the interior section of the border state and as far as Mexicans are concerned the cover for our activities would be "investigation of subversives from the standpoint of the interest of the American Consulate." So far as the Mexicans are concerned the interest need not be clearly defined as to whether it was political reporting, visa issuance, or other matters.

The Legal Attache felt that of the seven border Consulates consideration could be given to placing men in all seven or on a selective basis to but a few. In times of severe international crises or of actual warfare the presence of a Bureau Agent assigned to each Consulate would probably be reasonable, whereas in less critical times such assignments would probably be justified only in the more important Consulates, particularly where other coverage was not readily obtained.

At the June, 1955, Border Coverage Conference in El Paso, Texas, the special problems connected with coverage in the border States of Sonora and Chihuahua were given consideration and a possible utilization of the border Consulate Special Agent assignment was discussed.

That which follows represents an effort to analyze the nature of problems existing with respect to the two states and the considerations both for and against the possible assigning of an Agent to the particular border Consulate involved.

SONORA

Sonora is a large state with a northern border roughly equivalent with the southern border of Arizona. Its capital is Hermosillo, but Hermosillo does not contain an American Consulate.

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The only American Consulate in Sonora is at Nogales on the border.

On road trips out of Guadalajara Resident Agent MALCOLM M. RINK has been able to develop strong informant coverage throughout most of the State of Sonora but due to the extreme distance of Sonora from Guadalajara RINK has a problem in maintaining effective contact and working relationship with informants and sources of information in Sonora.

If a Bureau Agent were to be established at the American Consulate in Nogales he could handle the entire State of Sonora quite effectively both at the border where he would be situated and by road trips south into the interior.

Approximately three hours to the south of Nogales on the highway lies the town of Hermosillo which is the headquarters of the State Judicial Police and the residence of Confidential Informant [redacted] Phoenix Office Agents do not proceed down the highway to Hermosillo because to do so would be to penetrate into the interior of Mexico; however, a Bureau Agent in the Nogales Consulate in an undercover capacity would have no trouble in handling the entire State covering as far as southern Sonora where the extreme limits of the Guadalajara road trips would touch.

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CHIHUAHUA

The Juarez Consulate across the river from El Paso would provide a suitable office for a Bureau Agent assigned as a Consular Official who would have the entire State of Chihuahua for his area and of course he would cover the border for that zone. He would be but a few hours over the highway from Chihuahua City and the various police with headquarters there. The present Resident Agent, JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR., makes a road trip into Chihuahua from the Monterrey Resident Agency. CREEDEN has developed unusually effective coverage in the State of Chihuahua, but there again the factor of distance becomes important and CREEDEN is simply too far away to be able to make effective use of his informants and sources of information in the State of Chihuahua. Chihuahua is a large state and a road trip to the main towns of interest in Chihuahua from Monterrey

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represents more than 2,000 miles of driving over the road. A local airline flies from Monterrey to Chihuahua City but its physical equipment is not well maintained and the Legal Attache does not feel that the airline services provide the minimum safety requirements which should be available for Special Agents for relatively continuous travel.

Accordingly, it is felt that the assignment of an Agent to the American Consulate in Juarez would represent an effective solution to the problem of covering the State of Chihuahua, both at the border and in the interior.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Were the matter no more complicated than the foregoing would indicate it would appear that no particular problems would be involved in placing Agents in these two Consulates. It is felt, however, that further considerations require a more careful evaluation of the matter.

The first consideration would be that of the maintenance of cover. The Bureau Agents would have to be particularly adept in maintaining their cover as Consular Officials. They would have to conform in their off-hour social activities so that they would not be fraternizing with Bureau personnel on the United States side of the border and their covers ruined. Their association with Bureau personnel would have to agree in intensity and nature with the association at the border point maintained by State Department personnel in the Consulate. The Bureau Agents would have to be particularly careful not to admit their identities. They would also have to be careful about becoming actively engaged in any criminal case work which would make them stand out as not typical Consular Officials. So long as they restricted their activities to internal security work there would be little or no risk since most border Consulates are now faced with an internal security investigative problem with respect to visa matters.

There would also be the problem of administration with respect to the assignments in the Consulates in Nogales and Juarez. None of the American Consulates along the border have courier connections with the American Embassy in Mexico City. Material

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from those Consulates is mailed on the United States side of the border by registered mail to the Department of State. It is then placed in a courier pouch for Mexico City and accordingly there is a lag of upwards of a week before the material is received in Mexico City. Telephonic communications with Mexico City from the border are frequently entirely unsatisfactory or non-existent.

If the material from a Special Agent in the border Consulate must first go to Washington, D. C., it would appear logical that such a Special Agent have a confidential mailbox on the American side of the border and that he send and receive mail appropriately clothed in neutral envelopes through such a mailbox. It would appear logical that the Bureau itself should administer the assignment of such a Special Agent rather than have the administration handled from Mexico City. The Legal Attache in Mexico City would be unfamiliar with border conditions and thus in a poor position to administer anything dealing strictly with border coverage. Furthermore, the Legal Attache would not be able to get the material without a considerable time lag.

Although the SAC at Phoenix and El Paso respectively would be aware of the Agents' Consular assignment, it would appear that to have the SAC administer the assignment of the Agent would possibly subject the assignment to uncovering within the field office itself. It would appear that inasmuch as an outside agency, namely the Department of State, would be involved the Bureau itself would desire to administer the operations of the Special Agent in the Consulate.

It thus becomes apparent that there are definite considerations militating against such an assignment, such as for instance:

1. The necessity of working under a strict cover
2. The lack of communication with the Legal Attache
3. The necessity for setting up a type of special assignment control out of the Bureau.

On the other hand, through the utilization of registered United States airmail the Agents in such border consular positions would be in far closer touch with the Bureau than is the Legal

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Attache operating through the diplomatic pouch. Likewise, the border Agent could use Stateside telephone and telegraph.

It is felt that any establishment of special assignments referred to above and in connection with consulation with the Department of State would have to proceed so far as the Department of State is concerned on the premise that the Bureau's Agents assigned to the Consulates would be under the administration of the Legal Attache. That would in turn assure the Department of State that it had proper control over all consular officials. The Legal Attache feels that locally within this Embassy no strong objection would be raised to our placing our men in such border Consulates as Nogales and Juarez although, of course, the Legal Attache has not discussed this with Ambassador FRANCIS WHITE. Especially in connection with the Resident Agents in Monterrey and Guadalajara he has noted that the Consular Officer in Charge has always been highly in favor of our Consular Resident Agent program. It is not felt that the local Consuls would raise any objection to our setting up such assignments.

The Legal Attache desires to bring this matter to the specific attention of the Bureau so that in the event the Bureau considers the matter to have merit further steps can be taken to define the matter and possibly implement same.

UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENTS

The Legal Attache has also in recent months considered the possibility of an undercover assignment in Hermosillo, Sonora. There is no American Consulate there. Since the state consists of land suitable only for ranching, farming, and to a lesser extent mining, it would appear that a cover should preferably have a governmental background of that type. One such cover which the Legal Attache has considered would involve a possible Department of Agriculture cover. Thus far it does not appear that such a cover would result in sufficient productivity to warrant further attention towards possibly establishing same. A cover such as that of "Consular Agent" might possibly be resurrected, it being a title which has fallen into disuse in the Consular Service, but the disadvantage would be inherent to such cover that the Agent might be called upon to discharge certain consular type functions and thus have his time consumed in activities foreign to the Bureau's interests.

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Should an Agent be placed in the Nogales, Sonora, Consulate there would be no need for further consideration of a possible undercover assignment in Sonora. If, however, it is felt that no action should be taken at this time to place men in the Consulate in Nogales, then we shall have to continue the present coverage in Sonora from the Resident Agency in Guadalajara.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The foregoing is at this time merely being presented as a basis for further consideration at the Seat of Government. It is pointed out that the Office of the Legal Attache has very real problems in attempting to cover the States of Sonora and Chihuahua from the Guadalajara and Monterrey Resident Agencies respectively. Likewise it appears that the border coverage along the frontiers of both of these states could be improved. With respect to the border coverage need the Legal Attache feels that the simplest solution lies in more intensive efforts by Bureau Agents handling border coverage from domestic field offices.

The establishment of border consular assignments would represent a more effective way to handle interior coverage in both border states and it would also probably result in more effective border coverage. Should the Bureau feel that the establishment of such consular assignments is not justified at this time of course the Office of the Legal Attache will continue in its efforts to handle coverage in the interior of both states on a basis of road trips from the Resident Agencies.

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To: Director, FBI
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ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON DESK

ReBulet of June 20, 1955, concerning the effectiveness of the security coverage maintained by the United States Government on the Mexican border.

The Bureau desired quarterly summaries of factual data concerning border security coverage with specific examples of ineffective INS border coverage. The first quarterly report was to be submitted under date of July 1, 1955.

Please be advised that this matter has been taken up with Resident Agents who are handling coverage in the northern border states. Accordingly, in addition to the awareness of this matter which they have from the recent El Paso Border Conference they have been alerted to the importance of obtaining the type of data mentioned above. As of the instant date, however, there is nothing new to report inasmuch as during the recent Mexico City Office Inspection a thorough memorandum write-up was submitted concerning INS matters as they have effected this office.

A quarterly report will be issued as required in the future. It is intended to include any data pertaining to the INS Office in this Embassy also since its investigative coverage is aimed at the same general problem. At this time, however, UACB the material which has already been submitted to the Bureau will not be resubmitted as a quarterly summary.

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For the information of each border office, there are enclosed herewith the pertinent portions of the July 7, 1955, report from the Legal Attache, Mexico City, concerning the informant coverage maintained by his office. The enclosed portions pertain to the informant coverage maintained by the Legal Attache's office in the northern part of Mexico.

Additional information concerning coverage in Sonora and Baja California will be forwarded to the interested offices when it is received.

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Wetback Roundup Cuts Crime, Says Immigration Chief

Apprehension of Mexican Aliens Reduced
To Only 350 a Day; 3000 One Year Ago

"Operation Wetback," completed last year, has "paid off" by reducing illegal entries in the Southwest by more than more than 86.4 per cent," Immigration Commissioner Joseph Swing said in an eight-page report today. He said it had also reduced alien crime rates, and freed Immigration Service investigators for other jobs.

Swing reported to Attorney General Herbert Brownell on the six-month period ended last June 30, dealing particularly with his service's all-out fight last year against the inflow of Mexican wetbacks into this country.

3000 Daily Caught

"Prior to Operation Wetback," he told Brownell, "border patrolmen were apprehending an average of 3000 illegally-entered Mexicans a day in the Southwest. The apprehension rate of 3000 a day was noted for 1952, 1953 and 1954, including the actual Operation Wetback period.

"Apprehensions for the past six months have averaged 300 a day, and at present are only 350 per day, despite the fact it is now the height of the Texas cotton picking season.

"Deportations for the first six months of 1955 totaled 6805, compared to 12,475 for the parallel period last year. The difference is accounted for by the greatly lessened number of wetbacks who entered the country following the operation last year.

Deport 588 Criminals

"Operation Wetback," Swing's report continued, "also served to reduce the alien crime evidence. During the first half of 1954, the service deported 588 criminals, 313 or 55 per cent of whom were Mexican nationals. For the corresponding period this year the service deported 366 criminals, and again the lessened number of Mexican cases accounts for the difference.

"Projecting the beneficial effects of Operation Wetback further, the drop in Mexican cases has allowed the service to shift its investigative strength to criminal and subversive cases. Thirty per cent of the investigative force is now concentrating on criminal and subversive cases."

The Immigration Service added that it has learned that hundreds of Mexican laborers in the Southwest and "many" Cuban prostitutes in New York got into the U. S. by using fake documents.

It said the laborers bought their phony affidavits for as much as

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\$150 from two rings found to be operating near the Mexican border, while the Cubans managed to obtain Puerto Rican birth certificates.

A 'Search Program'

At the same time Swing announced plans for a "nationwide investigative search program" to flush out thousands of deportable aliens now in the U. S.

Swing said that although the program is still in its early stages, it is already "meeting with success." He said 1200 illegal immigrants have been picked up in the Los Angeles area so far.

In a report to Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr., Swing said two of the fake document rings bared during the past six months peddled phoney work papers at high prices to Mexican laborers.

He said investigators from the San Antonio area uncovered the plot and added:

"The investigation is still in progress and it is believed it will involve over 275 aliens who obtained visas on the basis of these false affidavits, for which they paid from \$75 to \$150."

Agency Has Full Use Of Patrolmen

The successful completion of "Operation Wetback" along the Mexican border means that the El Paso District of the Immigration and Naturalization Service now has full use of all its border patrolmen and investigators, Marcus T. Neelly, district director, said today.

"While the 'operation' was going on, we had to loan men to other border districts," Mr. Neelly said. "Our wetback problem had almost been solved by the time the operation had started, because of the cooperation of our farmers. Therefore we had to loan men to carry out the operation in other districts."

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AIR COURIER

Date: September 15, 1955
To: Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico
From: Director, FBI
Subject: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG
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Reurlet 7/13/55 requesting any suggestions which the Bureau may desire to make with respect to improving the monthly intelligence summary prepared by your office.

The following suggestions have been submitted by the field:

(1) That the summary include information indicating changes in policy or organization in the major political parties such as the Partido Revolucionario Institucional, Partido Popular, Partido Accion Nacional, Union Nacional Sinarquista, etc.

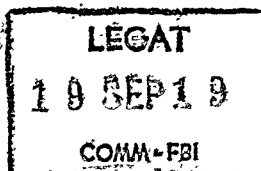
(2) That the summary include a brief statement as to current activities of the Communist Party of Mexico, splinter groups, and Spanish Communists which might indicate targets of interest or policy at the moment and changes in party line.

(3) That the summary include information as to current activities of political leaders such as Vicente Lombardo Toledano, General Lazaro Cardenas, and General Enriquez Guzman, where such activities may be significant.

(4) That the summary include any change in policy of the various labor unions such as the CRUC, CROM, and CTM. Point out indications of Communist infiltration or influence.

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(5) That the summary include information as to travel of important Communist Party of Mexico leaders and sympathizers to the border or outside Mexico.

(6) That the summary include any current information on the Mexican Government's attitude toward Communists and Communism.

The foregoing suggestions made by the field are being passed on for your benefit and consideration.

It is believed at the Bureau that a concise synopsis should be included. As a general rule this synopsis should be limited to not more than one page. The same appropriate block headings should be used in the synopsis as in the details of the summary. After each block heading in the synopsis you may indicate the page number where the details regarding that item of information may be found in the body of the summary.

In the preparation of the synopsis you should avoid letting it deteriorate to a mere table of contents enumerating what is to be stated later on. The synopsis should, under each block heading, set forth in two or three sentences the meat of the information set forth in detail in the body of the summary. In such form it should prove of greater benefit to officials at the Seat of Government.

Where matters are dealt with in this summary which are of primary interest to the Bureau the question will naturally arise as to what is being done by you with regard to that information. For this reason you should include a simple direct statement stating the action being taken.

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August 1, 1955

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Reference is made to the monthly intelligence summary prepared by the Legal Attache, Mexico City, under the date of July 10, 1955, a copy of which was forwarded to each border office by the Bureau. That summary was prepared in accordance with instructions given to the Legal Attache at the June, 1955, Border Coverage Conference and its purpose is to keep the border offices apprised of political and background developments in Mexico for use in evaluating information developed under the border coverage program.

The Legal Attache, Mexico City, is desirous of any suggestions which might be made in respect to improving the summary either from a standpoint of format or material presented. The Legal Attache does not propose following a definitely established listing of headings in successive reports but will merely report those events of the previous 30 days which have seemed to be of particular interest from the standpoint of the Bureau and border office orientation giving headings appropriate to the particular write-ups. Where the material appears to warrant reporting and appropriate dissemination, the Legal Attache will prepare separate reports for dissemination.

It is requested that each border office advise the Bureau for transmittal to the Legal Attache, Mexico City, of any suggestions relative to the pertinence of material and the suitability of the summaries from the standpoint of the border offices.

For the Legal Attache's future guidance, it is requested that subsequent monthly intelligence summaries be prepared in regular letter form to facilitate recording.

The Legal Attache in preparing his monthly summaries should be alert to include any developments relating to possible anti-Communist activities on the part of the Mexican Government as well as items reflecting further infiltration of the Mexican Government by Communists.

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reporting and dissemination we shall of course prepare separate reports for dissemination purposes.

Inasmuch as some of this political material must be regarded as delicate the memorandum has been classified as "confidential."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *8-4-55*

DATE: August 1, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *8-4-55*SUBJECT: MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY PREPARED
BY LEGAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE, MEXICO CITY

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During the June, 1955, Border Coverage Conference the Legal Attache, Mexico City, was instructed to furnish monthly intelligence summaries of developments in Mexico which would be of value to the border offices in keeping abreast of general political developments in Mexico. Those summaries are intended for the Bureau's own use and no dissemination will be made to outside agencies, since the pertinent matters which should be disseminated to other agencies are reported by the Legal Attache's office in the appropriate case files for dissemination.

The first such intelligence summary is enclosed. It covers developments in Mexico since the border coverage conference in June.

Separately the Legal Attache has indicated a desire for any suggestions to improve the summary from a standpoint of format or material presented.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the enclosed letter be sent to all border offices and to the Legal Attache, Mexico City, requesting the border offices to submit their comments as to the suitability of the first monthly intelligence summary from the standpoint of the needs of their offices.

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MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

MEXICO CITY

July 10, 1955

Government Stability

The picture is different from that of a year ago when, due to government weakness, almost any attack might overthrow the RUIZ CORTINES administration. Now the same fear of a possible coup d'etat does not exist in political circles. The HENRIQUISTA opposition party has largely disappeared from the scene. But that is not the reason for the changed atmosphere since, by itself, the administration is as weak as ever. The new factor of strength comes from the general recognition that General and ex-President LAZARO CARDENAS stands behind the administration, and any contemplated attack on the government must envisage an attack on CARDENAS also. No person or group is yet ready to take such a step although there is no lack of persons who express their alarm about CARDENAS and his influence over the administration.

Political Factions

July 3, 1955 elections for the Federal Chamber of Deputies took place quietly amid general apathy from a public long used to government party (PRI) supremacy. Post election results reflected overwhelming victory by the PRI, with minor disputes being registered by several of the weak parties of the so-called opposition.

Behind the scenes, however, eyes are already looking toward the 1958 presidential elections, and one rather bitter rivalry has developed within the ranks of the PRI itself. Broadly, it shapes up into a fight between the "Cardenistas" and the "Alemanistas." LAZARO CARDENAS has substantial control over

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the present weak administration of RUIZ CORTINES and is anxious not to lose that control. The followers of MIGUEL ALEMAN, who became used to six fat years while ALEMAN was president, are conspiring to get their man back into power. ALEMAN, himself, touring Europe, appears rather detached from the many intrigues of his followers.

The "~~Alemanistas~~" are working in two groups, a civilian group headed by ~~ROGERIO DE LA SELVA~~, former Chief of the Presidential Executive Offices under ALEMAN, and a military group headed by General ~~SANTIAGO PINA SORIA~~, former Chief of the Presidential Military Aides under ALEMAN. DE LA SELVA is an intrigue-type of operator. PINA SORIA and his group are more inclined toward direct action but lack a plan at present. Both groups are occult and are anti-Communist on an opportunistic basis. Both detest the CARDENAS influence in government and CARDENAS, himself, is known to have strong personal distaste for DE LA SELVA. The latter could encounter personal harm or exile if he pushed things too far. mka

Re-election Issue

The Mexican Constitution of 1917 forbids that a Mexican president serve twice, and the issue is quite dead except that during ALEMAN's term, ROGERIO DE LA SELVA did try to plan a legal extension of ALEMAN's term or a legal basis for re-election. His efforts behind the scenes failed utterly.

On June 10, 1955, ~~VICENTE LOMBARDO~~ ~~TOLEDANO~~ held a press conference. He has been anti-ALEMAN during recent years, and, of course, he would like to stand in well with CARDENAS. LOMBARDO told the press that "Alemanistas" were secretly working to change the law to make ALEMAN eligible once more for the presidency and should that come to pass, he, LOMBARDO, with the Popular Party, would then sponsor General ~~LAZARO CARDENAS~~ since he, too, would be eligible. LOMBARDO's statement caused great press notice, and finally CARDENAS felt compelled to issue a statement against re-election. Results: LOMBARDO received personal publicity which he probably craved. CARDENAS, probably mka

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first annoyed by LOMBARDO, later saw the opportunity to issue the statement and assume stature once more as a leader of the country's opinion. The principal of no re-election received restatement and strengthening, if it needed any.

Deaths

~~ENRIQUE RODRIGUEZ CANO~~, Chief of the Presidential Offices, died June 7, 1955, at the age of 44, from a liver ailment. He was close to the President in daily affairs of office, and he viewed with concern the increasing penetration of CARDENAS elements of Communist affiliation or sympathies. With his passing, an important obstacle to this penetration was removed.

~~ADOLFO DE LA HUERTA~~, President of Mexico in 1920, died July 9, 1955, at the age of 74. Regarded as an honorable man, he died in modest circumstances, and his passing will have no marked effect on contemporary political affairs.

Another ex-president whose death, should it occur, would profoundly affect current domestic affairs, is known to be in very delicate health from a heart condition. This is ~~MANUEL AVILA CAMACHO~~, who is regarded by the public as a sound-thinking elder statesman, even though he is not elderly. Besides controlling an important segment of Mexican political power in his own right, he is important as a liaison influence at top level on all important questions between CARDENAS, President RUIZ CORTINES, MIGUEL ALEMAN, and himself.

Police Liaison - Changes

~~DEMETRIO FLORES FAGOAGA~~, Chief of the Gobernacion Police of Social and Political Investigations, was involved in a night club fracas in May, 1955. The resulting publicity may have been stimulated by important criminal influences and political enemies. Regardless of the source, the publicity made imperative FAGOAGA's resignation. On July 10, 1955, he advised his resignation has not yet been acted upon by the President, but FAGOAGA is not

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thinking of resuming his former official functions. FAGOAGA was, by virtue of his authority and his friendship with the Bureau, Mexico's most important police liaison official. His office is being run by an assistant who is personally well disposed but lacking in personal importance for the assumption of major decisions.

Central American and Caribbean Revolutionary Junta

On June 10, 1955, the Mexico City morning daily "El Universal" published a sensational article to the effect that ROMULO BETANCOURT had just arrived in Mexico City and that he and other important political exiles had met in a private house owned by LAZARO CARDENAS to plan the formation of a revolutionary group to be called the "Junta Revolucionaria Centro-americana y del Caribe." CARDENAS, himself, was said to have been present. The alleged primary purpose of the group was to overthrow various governments in Latin America. BETANCOURT reportedly conferred also with VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO and with DIONISIO ENCINA, Secretary General of the Communist Party of Mexico.

Investigation reflected that CARDENAS was not in Mexico City on the day in question and that the story appeared to have been planted by a rather infamous professional informer who has circulated in Mexico City since World War II days.

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El Paso

August 11, 1955

Director, FBI

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For the information of each border office, a report has been
received from [redacted] dated July 1, 1955. b3

The above information indicates the security consciousness
of the Popular Party and is brought to your attention for information
and guidance in connection with your efforts to develop information on
the Popular Party.

1 - SAC, San Antonio

1 - SAC, Phoenix

1 - SAC, Albuquerque

1 - SAC, San Diego

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Info not being given to Legal Attache,
Mexico City, as he received a copy of
the report direct from [redacted] b3

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Date: August 5, 1955

To: Director, FBI

**PERSONAL AND
CONFIDENTIAL**

From: Legat, Mexico City 100-743-C

Subject: BOCOV

Att: FOREIGN LIAISON DESK

On July 20, 1955, SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR. was in contact with [redacted] of Police for the State of Chihuahua, and he informed SA CREEDEN that during the past two weeks his project to start a subversive squad had received a setback. He added that the police in the State of Chihuahua were being accused by the sensational newspaper of Chihuahua City "NORTE" and the COMITE PRO JUSTICIA which is under the leadership of LAZARO VILLARREAL, of having been responsible for the disappearance of MAURILLO RODRIGUEZ FALCON, a leader of the CONFEDERACION REGIONAL DE OBREROS Y CAMPESESINOS (CROC), in Chihuahua, Chihuahua. RODRIGUEZ FALCON had been missing from his home in Chihuahua City since May 15, 1955. As a result of this the Governor of the State of Chihuahua, Lic. OSCAR SOTO MAYNEZ, instructed [redacted] that he was to take every available agent under his command and that they were to find RODRIGUEZ FALCON or there would be a new police force in Chihuahua. The Governor stated that he was tired of being accused of everything that happened in Chihuahua. He wanted this case broken and RODRIGUEZ FALCON located by the end of July, 1955.

[redacted] said that after an extensive investigation RODRIGUEZ FALCON was located residing on the ranch "Ejido de Piedritas," located in the municipality of Ocampo, Coahuila. On July 14, 1955, RODRIGUEZ FALCON returned to Chihuahua City voluntarily and admitted that he had fled from Chihuahua City to avoid possible prosecution since there is a shortage of money in the CROC's treasury and he feared that he would be held responsible. He denied having taken the money.

On July 10, 1955, [redacted] while driving the police station wagon was hit by a gasoline truck. He has been confined to his home for about a week and still has difficulty getting around. These facts have been verified by SA CREEDEN.

[redacted] told SA CREEDEN that he did not want SA CREEDEN to get the idea that he is not cooperating but he had

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Director, FBI
Re: BOCOV

August 5, 1955

not had the time to do what he wanted to do regarding the organizing of the subversive squad. He added that if things will run along normally for the next month he will try to finish the project which he started, namely the organizing of an investigative group which is capable of investigating PCM activities in the State of Chihuahua, particularly along the United States Mexican Border which is covered by the State of Chihuahua. [] said that as soon as these men had been selected he would advise SA CREEDEN of their identity.

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[] has also initiated a "JUVENILE POLICE GROUP" in Chihuahua City to help cope with the juvenile delinquency problem of that city. This police group, which is directly under the command of [] has done some excellent work among the delinquents in Chihuahua City. A school has also been initiated for the training of these youth police, which school is under the direction of Dr. GUILLERMO CHAVEZ LARA.

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Frequent contact will be maintained with [] by SA CREEDEN and when it appears that he has established his security squad and the identities of these persons are known, steps will be taken to introduce [] to the Bureau's representatives in El Paso and Albuquerque.

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It has been ascertained that two of the individuals who have been doing investigative work for [] of the American Smelting and Refining Company in Avalos, Chihuahua, are [] who is now [] of the State Judicial Police in Chihuahua, and who was born [] Coahuila, and presently resides at [] Chihuahua; and [] American Smelting and Refining Company's []

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SA CREEDEN has been in contact with both of these persons and efforts are being made to turn [] into an investigative informant for the Mexico City Office.

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Extra copies of this letter are being designated for the El Paso and Albuquerque Offices since they are interested in the development of the Chihuahua State Judicial Police under the command of []

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AIRGRAM

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Handwritten: H.W.K.
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DECODE OF CODED CABLE NUMBER 761 DATED AUGUST 10, 1955
AT MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA STATE DEPARTMENT.

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of above item
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cc: (Mr. Belmont)
cc: (Mr. Tamm)

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Date: August 11, 1955

To: Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

From: Legat, Mexico (100-7430)

ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON
DESK

Re: BOCOV

Re Mexico City letter dated August 5, 1955.

In reference communication the Bureau was advised that [redacted] of Police for the State of Chihuahua, had advised that if things went along normally for the next month he would try to finish the project which he started, namely, the organizing of an investigative group which is capable of investigating PCM activities in the State of Chihuahua, particularly along the United States-Mexican border which is covered by the State of Chihuahua.

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On August 7, 1955, [redacted] advised SA John J. Creeden, Jr., that the Governor of the State of Chihuahua, Licenciado (attorney) OSCAR SOTO MAYNEZ had requested a 5-day leave of absence from the State of Chihuahua to visit Mexico City. It was rumored at that time that the Governor had been called to Mexico City by the Mexican Ministry of Interior for the purpose of "discussing" the status of his case as Governor of the State of Chihuahua. [redacted] stated that the people in the City of Chihuahua felt confident that the Governor would present his resignation within the next few weeks.

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On August 9, 1955, Lic. SOTO MAYNEZ presented his resignation to the Chihuahua State Congress and it was accepted immediately. It was ascertained that the resignation had been demanded by the Mexican Ministry of Interior.

On the same day the Chihuahua Congress voted to accept General and Doctor J. JESUS LOZOYA SOLIS as the new Governor of the State of Chihuahua. It is understood that General LOZOYA SOLIS is to confer with the President of Mexico on August 10 and 11, 1955, after which time he will be flown directly to Chihuahua City in a plane supplied by the Mexican Government.

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Date: August 11, 1955
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat, Mexico (100-7430)
Re: BOCOV

(u) On August 9, 1955, [] stated he would prevent his resignation to the new Governor and felt that it would be accepted. [] advised on the same day that information obtained from a presidential aide, who was visiting in Chihuahua City, reflected that the new Governor plans to make a complete reorganization of the Police Department in Chihuahua and will accept the resignation of [] of Police and the resignation of General CANO MARTINEZ, Chief of Police in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua.

In view of the foregoing, no further encouragement will be given to [] at this time to develop any police group to conduct investigations regarding subversive matters.

As soon as the identity of [] is ascertained and some information is obtained regarding his background, efforts will be made by SA Creeden to establish liaison with this individual for the purpose of seeing if he is willing to develop a squad to conduct investigation regarding subversive matters in Chihuahua. If deemed advisable, SA Creeden will introduce [] to a representative of the El Paso office.

Extra copies of this letter are being designated for the El Paso and Albuquerque offices.

Date: August 3, 1955

To: Director, FBI [redacted]

From: Legat, Mexico [redacted]

Re: [redacted]

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Reference Bureau cable August 1, 1955.

Pursuant to authority contained in reference Bureau cable, [redacted] was furnished and paid the sum of [redacted] for the week commencing July 25, 1955.

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For the Bureau's further information, [redacted] advised that on [redacted] in response to a telephone call from [redacted] he awaited latter on the corner of [redacted] at 7:30 p.m., that day. [redacted] failed to keep the appointment, but [redacted] appeared in his place. They proceeded directly to the house at [redacted] where they arrived slightly before 8 p.m. They remained there about 30 minutes.

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According to [redacted] the apparent purpose of the visit was to meet [redacted] whose name the informant said sounded like [redacted] described this man as being about 40 years of age, robust in build, height 5' 8", weight about 154 pounds, and having brown hair and a parrot type nose. It is possible that this individual may be identical with [redacted]

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[redacted] proceeded to give the informant some advice about [redacted] He was told to [redacted]

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Date: August 3, 1955
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat. Mexico
Re: [redacted]

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He said that after informant [redacted] he should [redacted] but [redacted] and should contain [redacted] and [redacted] He said that in this way [redacted] that he will [redacted]

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[redacted] also related that on [redacted] [redacted] called him and arranged for them to meet at 11 a.m. in front of [redacted] which is located on [redacted] Mexico City, near [redacted] They met and thereafter proceeded [redacted] They arrived at 1:05 p.m., and [redacted] at [redacted] informed that [redacted] of the informant [redacted] Most of the time was spent [redacted] The informant recalled that [redacted]

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[redacted] also advised that while at [redacted] on [redacted] before [redacted] the informant [redacted] said he used [redacted] of that day, namely, [redacted] he claimed he [redacted] for himself and [redacted] He has turned over to SA's George F. Munro and William T. Baker of the Legal Attache's office [redacted]

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Date: August 3, 1955
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat, Mexico
Re: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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the informant and [REDACTED] by the aforementioned
agents with the names "Mr. Williams" and "J. Thomas."

[REDACTED]
are being forwarded to the Bureau herewith.

Extra copies of this letter are being designated
for the San Diego office [REDACTED].

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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AUGUST 22, 1955

Transmit the following message to:

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LEGAL ATTACHE
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

100-356015-1090

AIRGRAM

BOCOY. REURCABLE AUGUST TWELVE LAST ADVISING JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS
NEWLY APPOINTED INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN CHIHUAHUA. BUFILES
CONTAIN NO INFORMATION CONCERNING TERRAZAS ASIDE FROM VICENTE
LOMBARDO TOLEDANO'S BOOK QUOTE EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF CTAL UNQUOTE
PUBLISHED OCTOBER FORTYFIVE LISTING JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS OF MEXICAN
YOUTH CONFEDERATION AS ONE OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS AT
EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF CTAL HELD PARIS, FRANCE, OCTOBER FORTYFIVE
AND INFORMATION FROM YOUR OFFICE THAT JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS WAS ONE
OF VISITORS RECEIVED BY LOMBARDO TOLEDANO DURING LATTER'S
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN TRIP TO CHIHUAHUA CITY MAY FIFTYTWO. BUAIBORAM
IMMEDIATELY IF NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL CHIHUAHUA POLICE IS IDENTICAL
WITH INDIVIDUAL OF SAME NAME MENTIONED ABOVE. IF SO, CONTACTS WITH
CHIHUAHUA STATE POLICE MUST ^{BE} MOST CIRCUMSPECT.

- 1 - SAC, El Paso (with enclosure) *Det ch*
- 1 - SAC, Albuquerque (with enclosure) *Det ch*
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (detached)

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DECODE OF CODED CABLE NUMBER 767 DATED AUGUST 12, 1955 AT
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

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BOCOV. ATTENTION FOREIGN LIAISON DESK. REMYCABLE AUGUST 9
LAST. SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR. ADVISES INFO RECEIVED THAT

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WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE.

JOHN N. SPEAKES

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cc Mr. BELMONT
cc Mr. FERRIS

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Juan Manuel Terrazas
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Tic - Mr. Cotter

SAC, San Diego

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August 16, 1955

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Director, FBI

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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REGISTERED AIRMAIL

[redacted]

Enclosed herewith are the following items:

(1) One copy of a self-explanatory letter
8-3-55 from the Legal Attache, Mexico City.

(2) [redacted] further
described in the Legal Attache's letter of 8-3-55.

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(3) A written statement in Spanish dated
8-1-55, executed by H. S. Amador, Mr. Williams and
J. Thomas.

Items 2 and 3 should be retained by your office
as potential evidentiary material in accordance with
prior Bureau instructions in this case.

Enclosures (9)

cc: 100-394608

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AIR COURIER

Date: August 22, 1955
To: Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico
From: Director, FBI
Subject: BOCOV

Reurlet 8/5/55 relative to the developments in establishing coverage in the State of Nuevo Leon. It appears that the arrangement worked out to utilize the local police agencies through direct contact in instances where such contact has been established or otherwise through the State Government of Nuevo Leon is satisfactory. In the event that it should become necessary, however, to use the Nuevo Leon State transmitter in having your leads relayed to the local authorities by the Nuevo Leon State officials, you should make sure that necessary precautions are taken so that such radio broadcasts would not prejudice your case or reveal your interest in the matter.

A copy of this letter, together with a copy of the letter of reference, is being forwarded to the San Antonio Office for information purposes.

- 1 - SAC, San Antonio (with enclosure) PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (detached)

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Date: August 5, 1955

To: Director, FBI

From: Legat, Mexico City 100-743-D

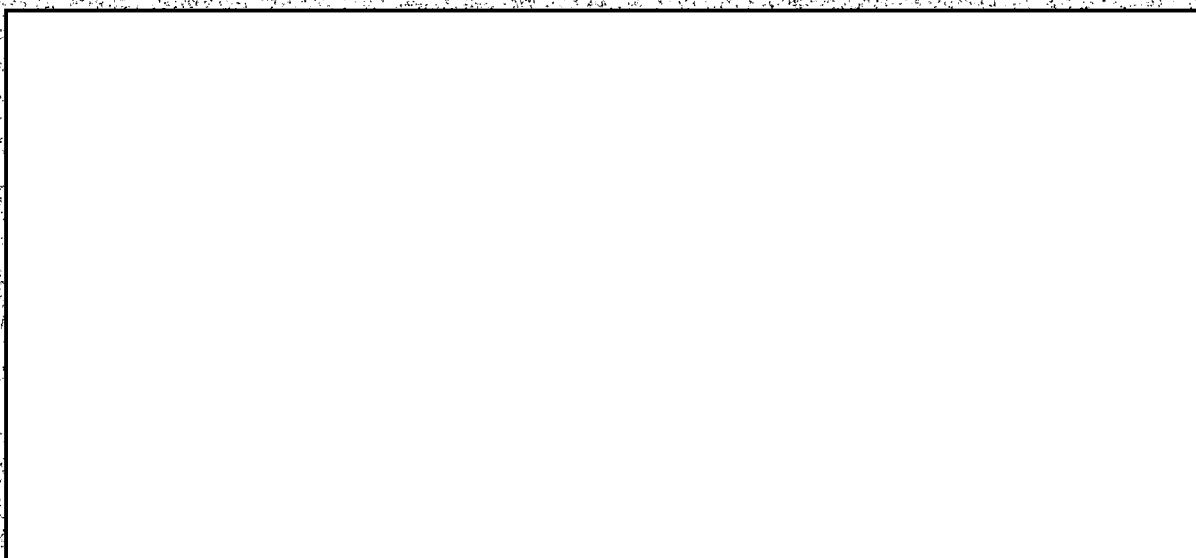
Subject: BOCOV - Genl.

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ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON DESK

Since the State of Nuevo Leon has been considered a border state efforts have been made by the Resident Agent in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to increase the coverage on subversive matters throughout the entire state. Contacts, therefore, have been established with the Chiefs of Police of the following municipalities in the State of Nuevo Leon:

City	Chief of Police	Population of City
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These officers have advised SA CREEDEN that they are willing to cooperate with him and will try to find out how many PCM members there are in their respective towns.

These contacts are supplemented by informants attached to the Monterrey Resident Agency who are constantly

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LIAISON

*cc: Legat Mexico City
cc: San Antonio
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Director, FBI
Re: BOCOV

August 5, 1955

circulating among the people of these cities to endeavor to locate PCM members who are working in these areas.

[redacted] has advised SA CREEDEN that he will instruct the Police Department of the various cities located throughout the State of Nuevo Leon to cooperate with SA CREEDEN in the event he should contact them and request their assistance.

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No efforts are being made at this time by SA CREEDEN to contact and work through the Nuevo Leon State Judicial Police because investigation by SA CREEDEN has revealed that this group is not interested in Communist matters and is not very reliable.

Since about sixty per cent of the cities of Nuevo Leon do not have telephonic communication with Monterrey, [redacted] has advised SA CREEDEN that in an emergency he can use the State radio transmitter to contact the Chiefs of Police or the Mayors of these cities and make any inquiries necessary.

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The Mexican Federal Highway Police, Zone 10, with headquarters in Monterrey, has also offered the services of their radio transmitter, in contacting their agents on the highway to have them conduct any investigation necessary. They have agents assigned to the following highways leading from the United States border to Monterrey:

Saltillo, Coahuila - Monterrey
Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas - Monterrey
Reynosa, Tamaulipas - Monterrey
Ciudad Mier, Tamaulipas - Monterrey

This is being pointed out in case a road block might become necessary in an emergency.

[redacted] for Monterrey, advised that his motorized unit, equipped with two-way radios, is at the disposal of SA CREEDEN and can be used any time that it is needed. [redacted] said that this offer has been cleared with [redacted] of the State of Nuevo Leon.

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The Monterrey Resident Agent has established confidential informants or sources of information in the leading factories in Monterrey who can inform the Resident Agent the minute any disturbance occurs and whether it is instigated by the PCM or any other group.

Director, FBI
Re: BOCOV

August 5, 1955

An extra copy of this letter is being furnished
for the information of the San Antonio Office.

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- Section Tickler
- Mr. Ferris

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AIR COURIER

Date: August 22, 1955
To: Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico
From: Director, FBI
Subject: BOCOV

Reurlet 8/5/55 setting forth the sources utilized by your office in the States of Sonora and Baja California. You should continue to emphasize the development of sources in these areas in order that you will be kept advised of the identities of individuals of a security interest and of Communist or pro-Communist activities inimicable to the security of the United States. Under date of October 1, 1955, you should furnish the Bureau a further report reflecting coverage maintained by your office in the border states as of that date.

It is noted that in your letter of reference you indicate that [REDACTED] a newspaper reporter at Hermosillo, Sonora, has expressed a willingness to cooperate in furnishing information concerning Communist and Popular Party matters. You indicate that he will be recontacted for the purpose of developing him into an informant. Caution should be exercised in this matter in view of [REDACTED] employment as a newspaperman and you should keep the Bureau advised of developments.

A copy of this letter, together with a copy of the letter of reference, is being furnished to the Phoenix office as well as the San Diego office for information purposes relative to the coverage maintained by the Legal Attache's office in the states near their borders.

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Date: August 5, 1955

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To: Director, FBI - ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON

From: Legat, Mexico (100-743A)

Subject: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER (BOCOV) - *Genl*

ReBulet dated May 25, 1955, entitled COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER (Bureau file 100-356015) and my letter dated July 7, 1955, entitled INFORMANT COVERAGE - ADMINISTRATIVE.

The Bureau's attention is drawn to Page 25 of the latter reference in which it was stated that upon the return to Mexico City of SA MALCOLM M. RINK additional data would be supplied regarding contacts with sources of information in the Sonora area.

Since January 1, 1955, SA RINK has made seven road trips to the State of Sonora and on each of these has personally contacted [] and []

The following listed persons are Agents of the [] and are handled on a cut-out basis by [] who is their immediate superior. They report to him on a daily or weekly basis, depending upon the instructions given them in any particular case by []

In this connection reference is made to the reports of SA RINK entitled POPULAR PARTY OF MEXICO, STATE OF SONORA, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, Bureau file 100-359378, dated July 1, 1955, at Mexico, D. F., and COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO, STATE OF SONORA, INTERNAL SECURITY - C & MEX, dated June 6, 1955, at Mexico, D. F. These reports contained the identity of many PCM and PP members throughout the State of Sonora. The major portion of this information was furnished by []'s agents as listed below.

[] Kilometro "57", made survey of territory covered by him and reported negatively regarding PP activities.

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dated 8/10/55*

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Director, FBI
RE: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE
MEXICAN BORDER - BOCOV

8/5/55

[redacted] San Luis, Rio Colorado, and Sonoyta, Sonora. This man is a Confidential Informant of the Phoenix Office and is being handled personally by them. He will not be listed as a contact of the Office of the Legal Attache in future reporting by Mexico City.

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[redacted] Santa Ana and Magdalena, was contacted twice by SA RINK and he responded with a list of approximately 65 members of the PP in his area.

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[redacted] Altar, Municipal Building. He made survey of subversive activities in his area during last six-month period. He has been contacted once personally by this office.

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[redacted] Benjamin Hill, Sonora. He has been contacted once personally by SA RINK and he supplied list of PP members and foreigners to [redacted] who forwarded it to this office.

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[redacted] Cananea, Sonora. He is no longer being contacted personally by this office inasmuch as the Phoenix Office has assumed jurisdiction of this area. He still reports to [redacted]

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[redacted] covers the area of Fronteras, Esqueda, and Nacoziari. He reported on July 6, 1955, that up to that date the PP had received 11 votes in the last election in Fronteras.

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[redacted] Ures, Baviacora, and Moctezuma. He is handled directly by [redacted] in view of remote area he polices.

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[redacted] Guaymas, mentioned in referenced letter, is [redacted]

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[redacted] Nogales, Sonora. Since submission of last report [redacted] has advised that he does not consider this man to be reliable, and he is being removed from list of contacts.

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MEXICAN BORDER - BOCOV

8/5/55

[redacted] Huatabampo, Etchoioa, Navo-
joa, Alamos. He is being handled as a cut-out by [redacted]

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[redacted] Agua Prieta. This man is
now carried as a Confidential Informant of the Phoenix Office
and will no longer be reported on by this office.

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In addition the following comments are being made re-
garding other contacts had by this office during the past six-
month period.

CANANEA

[redacted] Cananea Cattle Company.
He was contacted once personally and submitted two written re-
ports, one in a criminal matter and the other regarding PP ac-
tivities. He is now proposed as a PCI by the Phoenix Office
and will no longer be carried by this office as a contact.

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[redacted] Cananea Copper Company. The
same situation exists with this man as with [redacted]

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MAGDALENA

[redacted] and [redacted], Municipal
President. On road trip to this area in April, 1955, it was
determined that these men have moved from Magdalena and are no
longer being carried as contacts.

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HERMOSILLO

[redacted] has
lived most of his life in Hermosillo. He is a Mexican citizen
of U. S. parentage. He continues to supply valuable information
on personalities of the PP and reports periodically on other se-
curity matters. He is contacted on an average of every 60 days.

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GUAYMAS

[redacted] Guaymas, Sonora,
was contacted twice during this period and although he did not
supply any information of value, he instructed the Chief of
Police at Guaymas, Sonora, in Agent's presence, to cooperate
fully with the Legal Attache's Office.

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Director, FBI

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[redacted] Trans Mar de Cortes Airlines. b7D
No contact has been had with this man during the last six months.
However, his brother, [redacted] was recently [redacted]
Sonora and, therefore, he will be reactivated on the next road
trip to Guaymas.

[redacted] Wilbur-Ellis Company, Guay- b7D
mas. He no longer holds this position and has left Guaymas.
He is being dropped as a contact.

[redacted] Banco de Guaymas. He was b7D
contacted twice. He supplied no information of value but he
has offered this office his bank records for perusal during
this period. This is an unusual offer in Mexico due to very
strict laws. He also has access to [redacted] in
Guaymas and, therefore, will be maintained as a contact.

[redacted] Police Officer, Municipal Police b7D
Department, Benjamin Hill, Sonora. He supplied information on
a criminal matter but no security information under this pro-
gram.

PUERTO PENASCO, SONORA

[redacted] fishing inspector, and [redacted] b7D
former police officer. Neither of these persons could be
located on the last road trip to Puerto Penasco in May, 1955.
They have been dropped as contacts; new contacts have been
developed there.

CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA

[redacted] Investigations and Iden- b7D
tification, has been contacted four times and has supplied val-
uable information on security matter cases. He is a brother-in-
law of [redacted]
in the State of Sonora. He does not share his political views
and is preparing a current report on his activities.

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NAVOJOA, SONORA

[redacted] Traffic Department, Navojoa. This man no longer holds this position and is being dropped as a contact inasmuch as new sources of information have been developed in Navojoa.

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During June and July, 1955, contact has been had with [redacted] reporter for the "La Opinion" newspaper, Hermosillo, Sonora. [redacted] age 31, attended the University of Sonora where he was [redacted]. He was the former [redacted] of Sonora and is a protege of former [redacted]. [redacted] does political reporting for his newspaper and is familiar with the activities of JACINTO LOPEZ, FRANCISCO F. FIGUEROA MENDOZA, and other leaders of the Partido Popular. [redacted] was met socially by SA MALCOLM M. RINK, through CESAR GANDARIA, President of the Hotel Association of Sonora. He indicated his complete distaste for the activities of the PCM and PP and expressed a willingness to cooperate in these matters. He will be recontacted for the purpose of developing him into an informant.

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At Punta Penasco, Sonora, contact was made during July, 1955, with [redacted] on a criminal matter. At that time [redacted] stated that there was practically no PP activity in that area but that he would be alert to any developments.

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[redacted] El Cortez Hotel, Punta Penasco, was also contacted. She expressed a willingness to aid in any investigations in that remote part of Sonora.

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[redacted] Mission Santa Isabel Hotel, Ensenada, Baja California, was recontacted. [redacted] has been a resident of Baja California for 20 years. He is [redacted] a citizen of Mexico, anti-Communist, and pro-United States. He is intimately acquainted with the desert area of the lower portion of the State of Baja California, having conducted many expeditions throughout the entire territory. [redacted] has been requested to conduct a survey of the small rural communities below Ensenada for the purpose of detecting any Communist activity.

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SAC, El Paso

August 22, 1955

Director, FBI

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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Reurlet 8/2/55 requesting authorization to submit future progress reports at the end of the third business day of the following month as is done in the case of monthly administrative reports, instead of immediately at the end of each month.

In order that the monthly progress reports submitted by your office and the other border offices can reflect complete progress at the end of each month, authorization is granted for all of the border offices to submit the progress reports at the end of the third business day of the following month, with the exception of the progress report to be submitted for the month of August, 1955. Inasmuch as it is important that information contained in that particular report should be available at the Bureau before the end of August, you should see to it that the report is submitted to reach the Bureau by Monday, August 29, 1955.

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NOTE: The August, 1955, report is needed in order to prepare an overall summary concerning the border coverage for the first of September.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356015)
Attention: Foreign Liaison Section

DATE: August 16 1955

FROM : SAC, El Paso (100-4847)

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SUBJECT: BOCOV - Gen 1/6

Enclosed herewith is an airtel captioned, MEXICAN POLICE ORGANIZATIONS; JUDICIAL POLICE OF THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA; FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS; POLICE COOPERATION, which is of interest to the BOCOV Program.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FBI, EL PASO (80-170)

8/16/55

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI

MEXICAN POLICE ORGANIZATIONS;
JUDICIAL POLICE IN THE STATE
OF CHIHUAHUA; FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS;
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Attention: Foreign Liaison Section

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Re airtel dated at El Paso, Texas August 12, 1955.

On August 12 and 13, 1955 [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS that JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS, the newly appointed Inspector General of the State Police for the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, is identical with the man of the same name, a salt mine operator and friend of VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO.

Referenced airtel contained a brief summary of the information already in the files of the El Paso Office regarding JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS.

Also on August 12 and 13, 1955 [] furnished the following information orally to SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS:

VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO met TERRAZAS on an occasion in Chihuahua City about ten years ago. At this time the then Governor of the State of Chihuahua, FOGLIO MIRAMONTES, recommended TERRAZAS to LOMBARDO TOLEDANO as a reliable and competent hunting guide. Contacts between the two - TOLEDANO and TERRAZAS - so far as is known have been limited to annual hunting trips when LOMBARDO TOLEDANO comes to the State of Chihuahua. LOMBARDO TOLEDANO usually makes such a trip about once a year in November or December and usually comes to the El Mesteno Ranch, approximately 160 miles northwest of Chihuahua City in the Sierra del Nido Mountains. In addition MANUEL TERRAZAS has stayed at the home of VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO when he, (TERRAZAS) goes to Mexico City. TERRAZAS is a rancher and salt mine operator near the village of Villa Ahumada. There is no indication that he has any subversive sympathies or activities. In the past TERRAZAS has been engaged in minor political activities.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 13, 1955 advised Special Agent C. LAWRENCE RICE that JOSE GANDARA, Director of the Tourist Bureau Pemex in El Paso, Texas, had told him that he (GANDARA) had been working for the past several months arranging for the ouster of Governor SOTO-MAYNEZ of Chihuahua; that a Captain ALCARAZ, Aide to the new Governor, and one CLAUDIO ORPINEL, the Governor's investigator, were then in Juarez to develop positive information on the illegal activities of the incumbent Juarez officials, and also to pick out a man to [redacted] CI said that one of the individuals being considered was [redacted] *max*

[redacted] is identical with [redacted] a long-time paid informant of this office, who in the past has been in the Juarez Police Department. *CONN. INFO*

EP files indicate JOSE GANDARA on December 2, 1927 was sentenced to serve two years in McNeil Island Penitentiary and fined \$1,000 for violation of the Neutrality Laws and conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Laws and a Presidential proclamation. On August 15, 1955, JOSE GANDARA came to the El Paso Office and volunteered the following information to Special Agents C. LAWRENCE RICE and FREDERICK A. JOHNS. GANDARA claimed he is a very close friend to ROGERIO de la SELVA of Mexico City who is also the right hand man of former President MIGUEL ALEMAN. For the past three months, GANDARA claimed, he has been working secretly with the approval of ROGERIO de la SELVA to get former Governor SOTO-MAYNEZ ousted. GANDARA claims MANUEL TERRAZAS, the new Inspector-General of State Police, State of Chihuahua, ~~GANDARA advised that TERRAZAS~~ was so appointed because the new Governor of Chihuahua is his close friend and trusts him implicitly. TERRAZAS has been a minor politician in the past, operates a salt mine and is without former police experience. Also, GANDARA advised, TERRAZAS is a friend of VICENTE LOMBARDO-TOLEDANO, this friendship being based on mutual fondness for hunting. GANDARA advised he was aware of no subversive activity or sympathy on the part of TERRAZAS and considers him a good friend of the United States and is the new Governor of Chihuahua. GANDARA also

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advised that he had been unofficially requested by the new regime to advise the FBI that the new Governor really means business and intends to fight vice and crime on the border. GANDARA also indicated that the new regime will be cooperative with the FBI. GANDARA also stated that Captain ALCARAZ and Investigator CLAUDIO ORPINEL, representing the new Governor, were in Juarez Saturday and are supposed to have consulted with different persons on both sides of the Border as to whom to appoint as the new [redacted]; that the two most prominent candidates are [redacted] and [redacted] mentioned above. GANDARA expects a [redacted] in Juarez will be appointed during the week. He also said that the above two representatives of the Governor left Juarez Saturday night to return to Chihuahua and indicated that they had expressed some fear for their own personal safety while in Juarez.

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GANDARA is characterized as of unknown reliability, but who has furnished a limited amount of reliable information in the past.

An extra copy of this communication is being forwarded to the Bureau in the event it is deemed desirable to forward same to Legat, Mexico.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356015)
ATTN: FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION

DATE: 8/25/58

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-4847)

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SUBJECT:

BOCOV — Gen.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an airtel captioned "MEXICAN POLICE ORGANIZATIONS; JUDICIAL POLICE IN STATE OF CHIHUAHUA; FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS; POLICE COOPERATION" which, it is believed, is of interest to the BOCOV Program.

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8/25/55

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DIRECTOR, FBI ()
ATTN: FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION

MEXICAN POLICE ORGANIZATIONS;
JUDICIAL POLICE IN STATE OF CHIHUAHUA;
FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS;
POLICE COOPERATION

Reference El Paso airtel, 8/16/55.

From 8/11 to 8/18/55, [redacted] was in Chihuahua City, Mexico, and talked to numerous individuals from various walks of life. From this survey he furnished the following consensus of opinion on 8/25/55 by written report to SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS:

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The Chihuahua State political upheaval originated not only in the errors made by former Governor SOTO MAYNEZ, but also from the pressure that LAZARO CARDENAS personally put on ANGEL CARBAJAL, Minister of Interior, to oust SOTO MAYNEZ and to place his friend and his sympathizer, the new Governor JESUS LOZOYA SOLIS, at the head of the Government in the State of Chihuahua. Thus the large State of Chihuahua has been brought into the camp of LAZARO CARDENAS in the national struggle going on between his followers and the followers of former President MIGUEL ALFONSO.

FELIPE LUGO (who was named in El Fronterizo, Juarez newspaper 8/12/55 as the new Chief of the Chihuahua Department of Gobernacion) who occupies an important position in the State of Chihuahua Government, is the same man who became President of the Partido Popular in Chihuahua City and who resigned from this position a few weeks prior to the visit of VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, on his presidential campaign trip, a short time prior to the presidential elections, July, 1952.

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It is the consensus of opinion that JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS, who is not only an old-time friend but a follower of VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, is a confirmed leftist and Marxist sympathizer and it is felt by some persons that his selection as Police Inspector General was, by no means, a coincidence.

Chihuahua During period 8/13 to 8/18/55, [] talked at some length with CIRIACO LOPEZ, Head of the Communist Party in [] Mexico. On this occasion LOPEZ claimed that JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS offered him (LOPEZ) a job as Agente in the State Policia Judicial. LOPEZ had not definitely turned the offer down but did not appear anxious to accept it. No information was received by [] indicating whether or not JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS knew CIRIACO LOPEZ was an active Communist.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 8/22/55 he had received no information as to the attitude of the Juarez Communists towards the new Governor.

[] (use 7 Symbol), [] advised on 8/25/55 that the Juarez Communists appeared to have no information regarding the sympathies of Governor LOZGYA SOLIS. The Communists, commenting on the change of Governors, remarked that Governor SOTO MAYNEZ, while not sympathetic with them, at least did not prosecute them. They further stated that they considered it important to be alert to determine the attitude of the new Governor as soon as possible and also planned to write to the Central Committee, PCM, in Mexico City for their advice as to the feelings of the new Governor concerning the Communist Party.

An extra copy of this communication is being furnished to the Bureau in the event it is deemed advisable to forward same to Legat, Mexico.

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August 31, 1955

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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BOCOV. DURING JUNE, FIFTYFIVE, CONFERENCE INDICATIONS
GIVEN THAT ON CERTAIN HOLIDAYS SUCH AS GEORGE WASHINGTON'S
BIRTHDAY AND SOME MEXICAN HOLIDAYS, TWIN CITIES ON
MEXICAN AND U.S. BORDERS ARE THROWN COMPLETELY OPEN WITH
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THIS INFORMATION FACTUAL AND IF NO CROSSING CHECKS
WHATSOEVER EXIST DURING THOSE TIMES.

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Above information needed in connection with over-
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Date: August 26, 1955 ~~SECRET~~-AIR COURIER
To: Legal Attache (orig & 1)
Mexico City
From: Director, FBI
Subject: BOCOV

Reurlet August 5, 1955. A copy of this letter is being made available to the San Antonio office for information.

The Bureau files disclose no derogatory information identifiable with [REDACTED] Legat note references to a [REDACTED] in following communications:

Mexico City letter to Bureau 1/23/55 captioned [REDACTED]

Mexico City letter to Bureau 8/18/52 captioned "Activities of American Confidence Men in Mexico ITSP." (80-607-2418)

Mexico City letter to Bureau 6/18/52 captioned [REDACTED]

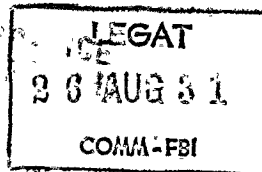
You should keep the Bureau advised of developments in this matter.

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Date: August 5, 1955

To: Director, FBI

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From: Legat, Mexico City 100-743-D

Subject: BOCOV - Genl.

Att: FOREIGN LIAISON DESK

On July 21, 1955, SA JOHN J. CREEDEN was in contact with [redacted] del Estado de Tamaulipas [redacted] of the State of Tamaulipas) with headquarters in Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, regarding the scope of authority that he has within the State of Tamaulipas. He advised that he has agents working for him in the following border towns: Nuevo Laredo, Reynosa, and Matamoros. He also receives reports from the various municipal police groups within the State of Tamaulipas. [redacted] pointed out that the Governor of the State of Tamaulipas, HORACIO CATERAN, is against any Communist group and will permit [redacted] to investigate their activities. He stated that the PCM in Tamaulipas is not strong; however, they do have cells among the agrarian workers. [redacted] said that he is willing to cooperate with SA CREEDEN in this matter and will begin at once to select personnel who can conduct such types of investigation. He will then put SA CREEDEN in contact with these men so that he can be advised of the results of their investigation.

It is the intention of SA CREEDEN to follow this matter closely and if any of the officers who are to conduct the investigation are stationed along the border, arrangements will be made to have these agents introduced to the Bureau's border Agents who are handling the program between Laredo and Brownsville, Texas; however, this introduction will not be made until until SA CREEDEN has had an opportunity to study the Mexican agents assigned to this project by [redacted] to see if they are willing to cooperate and are capable of following the assignment given them.

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An extra copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Bureau so that the San Antonio Office can be informed of the projected plan since the part of the border referred to in this letter is handled by the San Antonio Office.

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*cc - Legat
cc - San Antonio
8/29/55
WFE*

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Director, FBI
Re: BOCOV

August 5, 1955

This matter is being followed closely by me and the Bureau will be kept advised of the progress of the proposed project with the Police of the State of Tamaulipas.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
RECORDS SECTIONAug 18, 1955

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☐ Service Unit-Room 6524
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: August 31, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

Tolson
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We have received a copy of a memorandum dated [redacted] sent to the Attorney General by [redacted]

You will recall our memorandum of 4/8/55 set forth additional facts concerning the security threat to the United States from Mexico and was prepared as the result of the conference held in the Attorney General's office on 4/4/55 at which [redacted] stated that the picture along the Mexican border was not as bad as it had been painted.

In his memorandum of 8/24/55 [redacted] stated that [redacted] He further states that [redacted]

He further stated [redacted]

[redacted] entirely missed the point of the Bureau's memorandum of 4/8/55. [redacted] discussed the ease of entry into the United States by individuals who appear to be Americans and cited one instance in March, 1952, when two subjects who were members of the Communist underground and on whom immigration stops had been placed, entered the United States at El Paso, after having turned their tourist cards in to the Mexican authorities. No names were mentioned but this instance referred specifically to Amy S. Tiesler and Suea Katz Sommer, two American women who went to Mexico with Gus Hall. They are American citizens [redacted]

In his memorandum of 8/24/55 [redacted]

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1 Mr. Boardman
1 Mr. Belmont
1 Section Tickler
1 Mr. Ferris

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Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman

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He has been utilized as an informant by the San Diego office under the border coverage program since February, 1954. In January, 1954, prior to his being contacted at San Diego as a potential informant, he was interviewed by [redacted] regarding his alleged association with Communists in Mexico and his [redacted] was taken up, although it was returned to him shortly thereafter. He was subsequently contacted by the San Diego office and became an informant for that office. There is no indication in the Bureau's files that the San Diego office has contacted [redacted]

[redacted] b3 b7D

This individual is a Mexican police officer who was approved as a confidential informant for the San Diego office on 7/18/55 to conduct investigations and handle surveillances for us on the Mexican side of the border. He is presently working under cover on the subversive squad of the Mexicali Police Department. There is no indication in the files that the San Diego office has ever requested [redacted]

[redacted] b3 b7D b7E

This man is the [redacted] In [redacted] at [redacted] on personal business when they were stopped by [redacted] who reportedly treated them in a very uncouth manner. The [redacted] allegedly became rude and obnoxious and when he started to go through the informant's personal billfold and other papers, the informant became afraid the [redacted] would discover [redacted] and he, therefore, asked to see the [redacted] officer in charge. He confidentially told the officer in charge that he had been cooperating with the Bureau and requested that no further personal search be made lest his status be divulged to other persons. [redacted] the officer in charge, had according to San Diego always been extremely cooperative and in this case returned the informant's papers and made no further issue of the matter. [redacted] confidentially informed an Agent of the San Diego office of the incident but did not request verification of the informant or ask any questions. He stated the incident would remain in absolute confidence and that no record would be made of it. The informant was subsequently severely admonished by San Diego and instructed not to [redacted]

Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman

[redacted] under any circumstances. There is no record in file of any [redacted]

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[redacted]

This individual is utilized by San Diego as a criminal informant concerning stolen car, white slave, and similar matters. He is not a security informant and the file does not reflect that San Diego has requested [redacted]

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[redacted]

This individual is not an informant of the San Diego office. Consideration was given to the possibility of approaching him as a potential security informant in the latter part of 1954 and in March, 1955, he was interviewed by San Diego Agents to determine his suitability as a possible informant for the border coverage program. The interviewing Agents decided, however, that he was not suitable informant material. No efforts were made to develop him as an informant and there is no indication that San Diego has contacted [redacted]

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[redacted]

This individual has been utilized as a border coverage informant since July, 1952. He furnishes valuable information concerning Communist matters in Ensenada, Lower California, where he participates in Communist cell meetings, although he is not a member of the Mexican Communist Party. There is no indication in the files that San Diego has contacted [redacted]

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[redacted]

This individual was formerly an informant of the San Antonio office. He was terminated as an informant in January, 1955, after it was ascertained he had furnished San Antonio false information concerning the purpose of a trip he made to Chicago in December, 1954. He originally claimed that the Mexican Communists wanted him to make the trip and San Antonio [redacted] for [redacted] There is no indication in files that San Antonio ever [redacted] during the time he was an informant of that office.

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Observations

We have, in the past, taken up with [redacted] on a local level the matter of [redacted] when it was absolutely

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Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman

necessaru. In addition to the case of [redacted] who was included in [redacted] we also took up with [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] is the El Paso informant who helped break the Gus Hall case. On the basis of my memorandum to you dated May 25, 1954, authorization was approved for El Paso to contact [redacted] locally in order to obtain [redacted] for the informant. This arrangement was made discreetly with [redacted] office of El Paso.

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In the case of [redacted] this informant lost her American citizenship in 1954 because of prolonged residence outside the United States. She is an extremely valuable informant and on the basis of Mr. Roach's memorandum to me dated August 26, 1954 San Diego was authorized to make discreet contact locally with [redacted] for her. At that time, [redacted] Los Angeles, advised that [redacted] can, on a local basis, [redacted] they choose, particularly if that individual is cooperating with a law enforcement agency. It was ascertained that the subject's previous Communist connections would have no bearing in such an instance.

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It is difficult to see what purpose is being served by [redacted] replying now to our memorandum of April 8, particularly when our memorandum was designed to show the security difficulties of the border. It can only be assumed that [redacted] is trying to create trouble and to put the Bureau on the defensive. He might also be fishing for information to find out how many of the individuals on the list are actually Bureau informants.

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ACTION:

I want this promptly.
Radiograms have been sent to San Diego and San Antonio to ascertain whether [redacted]

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[redacted] in addition to those occasions reflected in our files and to submit their comments regarding the possible basis for [redacted] according to the Bureau's records, [redacted] As soon as replies are received to those radiograms, a decisive memorandum and reply to [redacted] communication will be prepared.

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Low value w/ [redacted] obvious hostility and [redacted] must [redacted] asking [redacted] state [redacted] admitted for anyone.
LOOKS LIKE [redacted] HAS DONE A FAIR JOB IN FINDING OUT WHO SOME OF OUR INFORMANTS ARE. *gan*

cc Boardman
Belmont
Section Tickler
Papich
Ferris

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SAC, El Paso

100-356015 ✓
Director, FBI

September 8, 1955

RELATIONS WITH IMMIGRATION
AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

PERSONAL ATTENTION

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has recently communicated with the Attorney General in
a manner which reflected on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In view of this situation it is necessary
that Agents assigned to the border office discontinue forthwith
[REDACTED] In the future

[REDACTED] These restrictions
apply to direct requests for the issuance of border-crossing documents
for informants as well as indirect requests as in instances in which
[REDACTED]

It is appreciated that the restrictions _____ On your
activities as a result of these instructions will be detrimental to
security of the border but the _____ has no alternative under the
circumstances. This matter must be brought to the attention of all
Agents handling matters on the Mexican side of the border and it applies
to both criminal and security informants. If _____ time a
case arises in which our inability to ask for to dercrossing privileges
for an informant jeopardizes the use of that informant or otherwise
hampers vital operations in your office, you should submit the full
facts to the Bureau.

1 cc Phoenix
1 cc San Antonio
1 cc San Diego
1 cc Albuquerque
1 cc Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico

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See Belmont memo to Boardman 9-7-55 re Communist Coverage Along the
Mexican Border NLF:mlp

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
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Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356015)

DATE: 9/8/55

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-7483)

SUBJECT: BOCOVPERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIALATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON UNIT

Re Albuquerque letter August 29, 1955,
concerning the interview with JOSE J. SALAZAR and
containing information as to ANTONIO ESPARZA
MONTALVA.

Indices of this office were negative
as to any information concerning ESPARZA. Inquiry
will be made of appropriate informants and you will
be advised separately when this has been done.

One extra copy of this letter is being
furnished the Bureau for transmittal to Legat,
Mexico, if deemed advisable.

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2cc: Albuquerque (100-1339)(REGISTERED MAIL)

1cc: El Paso (100-4847)(REGISTERED MAIL)

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1cc Legat Mexico
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SAC, Phoenix

September 15, 1955

Director, FBI

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In submitting requests to the Bureau for authorization to contact an individual in connection with the border coverage program you should include all background information available including physical description. This will greatly facilitate an index search at the Seat of Government. Where an individual is known to an Agent of your office or has been previously interviewed by an Agent on another matter you should at least be able to furnish his approximate age and similar data.

This should be brought to the attention of all Agents handling Bocoov matters.

- 1 - San Diego
- 1 - Albuquerque
- 1 - El Paso
- 1 - San Antonio

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cc Mr. Boardman
cc Mr. Belmont
cc Section Tickler
cc Papich
cc Ferris

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September 8, 1955

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Director, FBI

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INFORMANTS

Reference is made to the memorandum sent to
you under date of [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]
captioned
as above, which refers back to my memorandum to you of
April 8, 1955, relative to the security of the Mexican
border.

It is noted that in connection with my
memorandum of April 8, 1955, [REDACTED]

The paragraph in my memorandum to which
reference has been made is as follows:

"With regard to the ease of entry into the
United States across the Mexican border of
any individuals who appear to be Americans
in one instance in March, 1952, two subjects
on whom immigration stops had been placed
entered the United States at El Paso, Texas.
Those individuals, who are connected with
the Communist underground, traveled from
Mexico City to Juarez, apparently by bus,
crossed the border to El Paso by taxicab and
then apparently took another bus into the
interior of the United States. Although
stops had been placed for these two subjects
at border crossing points, they entered the
United States without difficulty and the tourist
cards which they turned in to the Mexican
authorities were not found until two days later."

SENT FROM D. O.

TIME 12:21 PM
DATE 9-9-55
BY [REDACTED]

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(10) See Belmont memo to Boardman 9/7/55 re Communist Coverage
along Mexican Border, NLF:dlj.

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

[redacted]
[redacted] You will note that they were not indicated as [redacted] You will also note that they had tourist cards which were turned in to the Mexican authorities. For your information the two individuals in question were Amy E. Tiesler and Suea Katz Somner who were with Gus Hall, the Communist fugitive, when he was arrested by the police in Mexico City. He had placed stops against them all along the border yet they were able to enter the United States with ease.

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[redacted] memorandum also stated that
[redacted]

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I have always considered the identification of Federal Bureau of Investigation informants to be very delicate since in many instances the individuals involved are intimately related to matters pertaining to the security of the United States and in some instances the physical safety of persons who are cooperating with the Government is at stake. [redacted]

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For your information we have enjoyed the close cooperation and assistance of [redacted] personnel along the border for many years. That cooperation between [redacted] and Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel on a local level has been on a mutual basis and has been a joint effort for the protection of the security of the country. In a number of instances, local Federal Bureau of Investigation border personnel have conferred with [redacted] personnel on a confidential basis regarding the [redacted]

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

[redacted] the United States. Whenever assistance by the [redacted] was legally possible, cooperation by local border personnel of that agency has been gratifying.

Since the nature of [redacted] communication is such as to reflect on the [redacted]

[redacted] I have been compelled to issue instructions to the border offices of this Bureau to discontinue requests of this type of the local offices of [redacted] even though this restriction will adversely affect security at the border.

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2 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. R. ROACH *RR*

DATE: September 14, 1955

FROM : CLARENCE P. GRAHAM

SUBJECT: BOCOV — Genl.

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Reference is made to the suggestion from the San Antonio Office that the question of whether the border at Laredo, Texas, is open during holidays be referred to me inasmuch as I have observed conditions in that city on those occasions.

During Washington's Birthday Holidays, February 20 through February 22, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Laredo, Texas, relaxes restrictions on border crossing at Laredo. It is believed that this is caused by pressure on INS by the local governments of Laredo Texas and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. From observation it does not appear that close inspection of all individuals crossing the border is possible because of the relatively large crowds passing to and from the United States. However, it should be pointed out that during the Washington Birthday Holidays of 1955 INS stopped Lorenzo Luna Curiel from entering the United States and at that time excluded him. Lorenzo Luna Curiel is a Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, high school professor who has been identified for many years as being closely associated with the Communist Party of Mexico.

A copy of this memorandum is being forwarded to the SAC at San Antonio for inclusion in the Border Coverage File.

CPG:saw
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- 1 - Mr. Roach
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
- 1 - Mr. Graham
- 1 - SAC, San Antonio

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1 - Mr. Belmont

SAC, San Diego

September 15, 1955

Director, FBI

BORDER CROSSING PRIVILEGES
FOR MEXICAN INFORMANTS

1 - C. L. Green
1 - Section tickler
1 - Mr. Ferris
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Inasmuch as it is no longer possible to utilize the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to obtain border-crossing privileges for border informants, either criminal or security, possibilities are being explored of using other means to obtain such privileges for informants when necessary.

It has been suggested that border-crossing cards might be obtained from American Consulates in Mexico. SA J. J. Green, Jr., who is assigned to the American Consulate in Monterrey, Mexico, has pointed out that in order to obtain a border-crossing card, the alien must be admissible and must have established residence within the particular consular area. He must also show cause that he visits the United States periodically for business reasons. Mr. Green suggested that in certain instances a border-crossing card might be obtained for an informant if there are no stop orders against him in the Consulate and the Consulate will not know the identity or purpose of informant's trip to the United States.

It will be somewhat conspicuous for an informant who resides in the immediate border area to obtain a border-crossing card from the American Consulate in Monterrey even though he might have established temporary residence in Monterrey to obtain that card. It is requested, therefore, that each border office receiving a copy of this letter furnish the Bureau its comments regarding the possibility and feasibility of obtaining on a highly confidential basis border-crossing cards from the border Consulates for Bureau informants who reside on the Mexican side of the border. Bearing in mind that such requests for border-crossing cards would be made only when the circumstances of the individual cases indicate that such border-crossing privileges are absolutely necessary and that a lack of such privileges would hamper the activities of the informants or jeopardize Bureau operations.

1 - SAC, San Diego

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"Border Crossing Privileges for Mexican Criminal and Security Informants,"
NLF:dje (13) Cover memo Belmont to Boardman, 9/15/55, re
NLF:dje

Letter to SAC, El Paso

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Legal Attache, Mexico, with the request that he submit his comments regarding the feasibility of procuring border-crossing cards from the border Consulates by the Resident Agents such as Mr. J. J. Crocson, Jr., and M. H. Rink, who handle matters in the northern part of Mexico and have occasion to contact the border Consulates. For the Legal Attache's information, Mr. Crocson's comments are also being requested during the time he is in the United States on leave.

This matter must be handled expeditiously and the reply submitted promptly.

MR. R. R. ROACH

September 16,
1955

C. P. GRAHAM

INITIALS ON ORIGINAL

FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

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- Genl.

Reference is made to

The border-crossing card was obtained for [redacted] during the Summer of 1953 when he was a potential criminal informant in order to prevent having to interview him in the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) office or on the Mexican side of the border. INS was not advised of the potential informant's status but I believe that this was presumed by A. L. Ahrens, the INS Board of Special Inquiry Officer, who arranged the border-crossing card.

About July, 1954, [redacted] was stopped at the Border Inspection Station by Immigration Inspector Carter, who questioned him closely as to why he did not have his border-crossing card initialed upon his last return to Mexico. At that time [redacted] is believed to have advised Carter that he was assisting the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Subject explained his action because he had been told by former SA Louis Taylor not to lie to the Immigration Service. At that time the informant was severely admonished and instructed not to again reveal his relations with the Bureau to anyone.

In December, 1954, a 30-day travel permit was requested of INS for [redacted] to go to Chicago and St. Paul. This permit automatically expired at the end of 30 days.

Since [redacted] has been discontinued as an informant INS Laredo has been advised that the Bureau has no further interest in him and INS has indicated that no action will be taken concerning [redacted] border-crossing card, but they will let it expire at the end of this year.

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ACTION:

The above is submitted for your information.

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1 - Mr. Roach (Sect. tick.)
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
1 - Mr. Graham

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DECODE OF CODED MESSAGE NUMBER 389 DATED AUGUST 24, 1955
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA AIRGRAM.

BOCOV. ATTENTION FOREIGN LIAISON DESK. REBUAIRGRAM AUGUST 22
LAST. REPORT OF SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS DECEMBER 31, 1952,
EL PASO, CAPTIONED QUOTE COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO, STATE OF
CHIHUAHUA, UNQUOTE REFLECTS INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]
INDICATING THAT JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS LIVED AT VILLA AHUMADA,
CHIHUAHUA AND OWNED SALINAS DE NORTE, IS NOT A PCM MEMBER BUT
HAS BEEN CLOSE FRIEND OF VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO FOR MANY
YEARS. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] THAT TOLEDANO VISITED
AT HOTEL HILTON, CHIHUAHUA, BY JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS MAY 18,
1952. ARTICLE IN QUOTE LA PRENSA UNQUOTE NEWSPAPER MAY 14,
1953 REFLECTED TOLEDANO IN CHIHUAHUA AT THAT TIME ON HUNTING
TRIP WITH JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS. [REDACTED]

TRUE WITH JOAN MANUEL TERRAZAS. [] RELIABLE PSI IN CHIHUAHUA, STATES THAT JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS MENTIONED IN EACH INSTANCE ABOVE IS IDENTICAL WITH NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, CHIHUAHUA, AND FURTHER THAT TERRAZAS HAS BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE OF TOLEDANO FOR MANY YEARS. THE JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS LISTED IN TOLEDANO-S BOOK PUBLISHED OCTOBER 1945 REFLECTING THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL OF THE MEXICAN YOUTH CONFEDERATION WAS ONE OF THE FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO CTAL CONFERENCE HELD PARIS, FRANCE OCTOBER 1945 IS BELIEVED TO REFER TO MANUEL TERRAZAS GUERRERO, SECRETARY OF PRESS AND PROPAGANDA TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF MEXICAN YOUTH CONFEDERATION FROM 1945 TO 1947 AND NOT TO REFER TO JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS. [] ADVISED JUAN MANUEL TERRAZAS AND

CLOSE FRIENDS AND APPOINTMENT OF TERRAZAS WAS MADE ON BASIS OF THIS FRIENDSHIP. IN VIEW OF ABOVE INFORMATION CONTACTS

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

AIRGRAM

Mr. Tolson	___
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WITH CHIHUAHUA STATE POLICE WILL BE MOST CIRCUMSPECT.

JOHN N. SPEAKES

RECEIVED: 8-29-55 10:23 AM RB

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Date: September 20, 1955 ~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER
To: Legal Attache (orig. & 1)
Mexico City
From: Director, FBI
Subject: BOCOV - Gen. 1

During the time SA John Creeden, Jr., was recently at the Seat of Government he appeared to be under the impression that it was part of his responsibility as a member of your staff assigned to Monterrey, to establish informant coverage in the border area adjacent to the border field offices in connection with the above-captioned program.

In order to clarify this situation, your attention is invited to the fact that the border offices are responsible for the captioned program within the 25-mile border area. Coverage south of that 25-mile zone is the responsibility of your office although the border offices are endeavoring when possible to develop informant coverage in the area immediately south of that zone, particularly in the states of Chihuahua and Sonora.

Although the agents assigned to the Consulate in Monterrey are not responsible for coverage within the 25 mile border zone, they should endeavor to locate informants who can be sent into the border zone and turned over to the border field offices for handling. Efforts along this line should be continued.

cc - 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Detached)

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In conference with SA Ferris of the Foreign Liaison Desk Mr. Creeden, during the time he was at the Bureau for In-Service and conferences, expressed the belief that he was responsible for the establishment of coverage in the border area which of course, is covered by the border field offices. The above letter is, therefore, being sent to clarify the situation and it represents no change in the previously established arrangement.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 16, 1955

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (67-367)

SUBJECT: BORDER-CROSSING PRIVILEGES
FOR MEXICAN INFORMANTS

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Re Bureau memorandum dated September 15, 1955, and memorandum submitted by Special Agent JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR. dated 9-9-55.

With reference to Bureau memorandum dated September 15, 1955, which requested that Special Agent CREEDEN comment further relative to the possibility of his utilizing his consular position to obtain border-crossing cards on a confidential basis for informants from the border consulates at Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo, Piedres Negras, and Juarez, the following information has been obtained.

If there are no stop cards in the indices of any of the above-mentioned consulates, there will be absolutely no trouble in obtaining a valid border-crossing card for a Bureau informant. In this respect it is suggested that should this procedure be adopted, that the informant's name be supplied to Special Agent CREEDEN so that he can first check the indices of the various border consulates to see if a stop notice has been placed against the informant's name. If none has been placed, the informant can then apply for this border-crossing card and Special Agent CREEDEN could in a discreet manner make a favorable comment as to this application if he were advised in advance as to the date this individual plans to apply for the aforementioned border-crossing card.

If there is a stop notice at any of the border consulates, Special Agent CREEDEN would then have to discreetly ascertain the purpose of the stop card, at which time it could be decided whether or not it is feasible to have the border-crossing card issued in spite of the existing stop card.

Quite often stop cards are placed in the consulate's indices on the basis of rumored or unconfirmed reports. In these cases the consular official quite frequently will check with some other government agency within the State Department,

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Re: Border-Crossing Privileges

such as the or Bureau representative. If nothing positive is obtained from these checks and the informant can supply the consulate with letters of recommendation from established business houses, the consulate will then in most cases issue the border-crossing card.

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It is the opinion of Special Agent CREEDEN that each request from each consular area must be handled individually. For example, in Piedres Negras and Cd Juarez the officers in charge of those consulates are very pro-Bureau and any request of them either by a Bureau representative or through Special Agent CREEDEN, using his cover of Vice Consul, will be granted. In Matamoros the Consul appears to be very friendly towards the Bureau. However, it is believed that further contact should be had with him for the purpose of feeling him out regarding this procedure should it be adopted. The Consul in Nuevo Laredo is comparatively new. However, he has always treated Special Agent CREEDEN in a very friendly manner, and has on one occasion spoken highly of the Director and the Bureau.

If a stop card on a certain individual who is applying for a border-crossing card at a consulate is pending in the files of I&NS at the border, they automatically will stop him, pick up his border-crossing card, and generally give him a hearing for the purpose of attempting to clear his name. It is during this hearing that I&NS generally make overtures as to the possibility of this individual's becoming an informant, therefore before any action can be taken towards obtaining a border-crossing card for an informant through the consulates, a complete check must be made of the indices of the consulate and if possible a discreet check of the I&NS indices.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: September 7, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE
MEXICAN BORDER — GCM

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 Nichols ☒
 Belmont ☒
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated August 31, 1955 relative to the memorandum from [redacted] to the Attorney General dated [redacted] covered two points:

(1) Relative to our communication to the Attorney General dated April 8, 1955, concerning the ease with which persons of American appearance crossed the border. [redacted]

[redacted] As pointed out in my memorandum of reference, [redacted] the Bureau's memorandum of April 8, 1955, in this regard, as the persons concerned were American citizens involved in the Gus Hall case. Our memorandum of April 8th did not state these persons [redacted].

(2) [redacted] also stated that as of interest to the Attorney General. [redacted]

[redacted] four are active security informants [redacted]; one other individual is a criminal informant and the sixth person was at one time considered as a potential security informant, but after interview with him it was decided by the interviewing Agents that he was not suitable informant material. He was, therefore, never utilized as a security informant. The seventh individual was discontinued by San Antonio as an informant in January, 1955.

My memorandum of reference pointed out that in the past the matter of [redacted] for criminal and security informant has been taken up on a local level with [redacted] when absolutely necessary as in the case of [redacted] who made a trip to Chicago and

Enclosures

1 Mr. Boardman

1 Mr. Belmont

1 Section Tickler

1 Mr. Papich

1 Mr. Ferris

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St. Paul from Nuevo Laredo, [redacted] for whom we obtained [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] for whom we obtained [redacted]
[redacted]

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Pursuant to the Bureau's request San Diego and San Antonio have now advised that of the seven cases [redacted] in two cases no requests for [redacted] were made although in one of those instances [redacted] called the individual into the [redacted] office so that Agents could interview him under pretext (this individual was never developed as an informant). In two other instances [redacted] were originally extended on [redacted] own initiative and were renewed after contact by [redacted] with Bureau Agents. In the three remaining instances [redacted] were requested by the field offices. None of these [redacted] claimed since according to information received from local [redacted] personnel [redacted]
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San Diego believes that [redacted] information concerning [redacted] in that area came from [redacted] who was [redacted] up until two or three months ago when he was transferred to the Seat of Government where he is now [redacted] San Diego believes that [redacted] prepared this information following his assignment at the Seat of Government, possibly with the intention of ingratiating himself with his superiors.

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OBSERVATIONS:

With regard to [redacted] reference to our memorandum of April 8, 1955, it is difficult to see what purpose is being served by [redacted] reply at this late date when our memorandum was designed to show the security difficulties of the border. It can only be assumed that [redacted] is trying to create trouble and to put the Bureau on the defensive.

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With regard to [redacted]
[redacted]
there is no apparent reason for this action. It can only be interpreted as an irresponsible action taken for ulterior motives in violation of the confidence which we have in the past placed in [redacted] personnel. It also appears that San Diego may well be correct

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in assuming that [] information came principally from []
This is borne out by the partial nature of [] information. Of
the 45 approved active criminal and security informants we have
on the Mexican side of the border. []

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[] We have had no
liaison contact with [] at the Seat of Government but if it
becomes necessary to deal with him later such contacts will be most
circumspect.

yes by all means. &
While it was inexcusable for []
[] in this matter gratuitously to serve his own
purposes, it was particularly serious that he []

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[] It is particularly
vital, therefore, that this case not be further prejudiced.

ACTION:

(1) It is recommended that the attached letter be sent to
the Attorney General pointing out that [] is in error regarding
our memorandum of April 8, 1955, relative to the ease with which
American appearing subversives can enter the United States; and
advising that since []

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[] instructions have been sent
to the field to discontinue requests of this type even though it be
detrimental to security at the border. We have considered the
advisability of requesting the Department to have [] expunge the
[] from their records but we do not feel it to be
advisable nor does it appear advisable to call further attention to
[] by challenging [] statement that they are informants.
If we do so, [] might well order []

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thus further exposing them. We are, however, calling the Attorney General's attention to the extreme undesirability of a policy whereby persons alleged to be informants of the FBI are set forth in correspondence even though it is classified.

(2) In accordance with the Director's instructions that our field offices must henceforth stop asking [] for any favors and stop seeking [] there is attached a letter to all the border offices setting forth those instructions.

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I concur.
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September 6, 1955

[redacted] revealed the fact that he was cooperating with the FBI to [redacted] in [redacted] in order to [redacted] who was treating the informant [redacted] rudely and obnoxiously, from [redacted]

At that time [redacted] was reported to have [redacted] and to have made no further issue of the matter. He confidentially informed an Agent of the San Diego Office of the incident; however, and stated that no record would be made of it. San Diego reiterates that [redacted] was at no time contacted by San Diego Agents for assistance regarding this informant.

[redacted] was under consideration as a potential confidential informant in March, 1955. San Diego Agents [redacted] after arranging with [redacted] [redacted] was not considered suitable informant material and at no time was [redacted] to him at San Diego's request. [redacted] was the only one who knew about this [redacted] so he is the logical source of [redacted] information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] had his [redacted] picked up by [redacted] and returned shortly thereafter which incident occurred prior to his service as an informant. Subsequently, during October or November, 1954, after he had become an informant, [redacted] verbally inquired of San Diego if [redacted]

He was advised verbally that it was, but San Diego did not take the initiative in asking for [redacted]

[redacted] is a Mexican police officer who was originally developed as a potential criminal informant. At that time he was assisted in [redacted] after it had been ascertained that as a Mexican police officer he could formally [redacted] in the latter part of 1955. It is noted that he had previously been permitted [redacted]

[redacted] after [redacted] San Diego notes that Mexican police officers had been [redacted] upon requests of any law enforcement agencies in the U. S.

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ENCLOSURE

[redacted] is a criminal informant and is not utilized on security matters. On the basis of information received from San Diego previous correspondence has been located in the Bureau's files showing that the informant had been assisted by San Diego in [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] was originally brought to the attention of the San Diego Office by [redacted] at San Ysidro, California. He had previously been [redacted] in return for information concerning smuggling activities. San Diego believes that [redacted] knew that the informant was cooperating with the Bureau and, therefore, [redacted] also cooperated by [redacted] on occasion inquired as to whether the informant's [redacted] and was answered affirmatively. [redacted] a few months ago and the informant does not [redacted] at this time and no attempt has been made by San Diego to obtain such [redacted]

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[redacted] was an informant of the San Antonio Office until January, 1955, when he was dropped due to unreliability. Prior to the time he became a security informant he was used as a potential criminal informant, at which time [redacted] was obtained for him by the Resident Agent at Laredo, Texas. [redacted] was not advised of Diaz's informant status, but the [redacted] might have reached that conclusion. In December, 1954, [redacted] was obtained for him by the Resident Agent at Laredo for Diaz to make a trip to Chicago and St. Paul.

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